

Legislation Could Foil U.S. Court's First Amendment Interpretation

By Stan Hastey
WASHINGTON (BP) — At the center of the current controversy within the Southern Baptist Convention over prayer in the public schools is a proposal by U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., himself a Southern Baptist.

Helms has been the strongest advocate in recent years for legislation which would in effect circumvent the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions of 1962 and 1963 that state-sponsored devotional exercises in public school classrooms violate the "No Establishment of Religion" clause of the First Amendment.

Helms' efforts have taken two forms: On the one hand, he has in years past sponsored an amendment to the Constitution declaring that the government may not forbid "voluntary" prayer in schools or other public buildings.

But a constitutional amendment must be approved by two-thirds of both houses of Congress and three-quarters of the state legisla-

tures. Only 26 times in the history of the republic have amendments been incorporated into the Constitution. And the first 10 of those were actually adopted in 1791 as the Bill of Rights.

Because his efforts to amend the Constitution have proved fruitless, Helms has turned in recent years to a device provided for in Article III of the Constitution allowing Congress to declare exceptions to the scope of the Supreme Court's jurisdiction over cases it may review.

It is this provision of Article III that Helms has invoked in seeking to remove from Supreme Court jurisdiction the matter of "voluntary" prayer in schools and other public buildings.

The practical effect of Helms' action, were it to be adopted by Congress, would be to leave the writing of school prayer laws to state legislatures, laws which would then be reviewable only in state, not federal courts. Helms believes that passage of his legislation would effectively bypass the 14th Amendment's provision

that rights guaranteed under federal law cannot be denied by the states.

So far in the present Congress, Helms has met with mixed success. Last April 5, the Senate adopted his proposal as an amendment to the bill which called for the establishment of a separate cabinet-level Department of Education.

But in a deft parliamentary maneuver, Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., managed to convince a sufficient number of his colleagues that the Helms language might well doom the Department of Education bill and that it should be transferred instead to a lesser bill dealing with the Supreme Court itself, a measure also pending at the time.

That bill, with the Helms proposal riding along, then passed the Senate but has since languished in the House Judiciary Committee, where U.S. Rep. Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J.,

who chairs the panel, has indicated it will be allowed to die.

As a last resort, Helms and some of his House colleagues have resorted to yet another parliamentary device, the discharge petition, in hopes of freeing the bill for House action. A discharge petition move, if successful, forces a bill out of committee and directly onto the floor for an up-or-down vote. Before that can happen, however, the petition must be signed by 218, or one-half plus one, of the members.

According to reliable projections, the chances for the discharge petition forcing Helms' proposal onto the House floor during this session are slim.

The controversy within the Southern Baptist Convention over the Helms proposal erupted recently when SBC President Adrian Rogers was announced a prime supporter of the new Coalition for the First Amendment, a group which has pledged to support Helms in his on-

going battle over prayer in public schools.

On two occasions, in 1964 and 1971, the SBC adopted resolutions supportive of the Supreme Court position that government may not constitutionally sponsor prayer in the schools. And during several other sessions of the convention, messengers have defeated proposed resolutions by critics of the high court's rulings.

Criticism of Rogers' action was immediately forthcoming from James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, an agency largely supported by the SBC which has resisted every Helms' effort on school prayer.

Rogers and Wood later discussed their differences during the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee after Rogers, in a presidential address to the group, protested Wood's criticism.

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Mission Service Corps' First Volunteers To Stay

By Erich Bridges
MENOMONIE, Wis. (BP) — Mission Service Corps, Southern Baptists' ambitious plan to place 5,000 volunteers on mission fields for one or two-year terms, is now just over two years old.

Paying their own expenses, or supported by churches and individuals, 200 volunteers currently serve in the United States under the program, and nearly a hundred more minister overseas.

Elgin and Jean Lee, the first MSC

volunteers appointed, arrived in Menomonie, Wis., in October of 1977, to rescue River Heights Baptist Church, a tiny congregation struggling for survival with no pastor and a massive building debt. Lee had been a Missouri pastor and for 15 years directed Southern Baptist student work there.

After two vicious winters living in the church fellowship hall, the Lees have arranged with the help of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and some Texas Baptist churches, to stay in Wisconsin through their two-year Mission Service Corps term in over.

"It hasn't been easy, but I feel really needed here," says Lee, a tall, gentle man with unruly hair and soft words. "They had no problem replacing me in Missouri, but this church had no one to lead it, and nothing financially to offer anyone. It would have died."

River Heights Church still labors under debt, but with a corps of fifteen members and stable leadership, it's alive and kicking, and strong enough to sponsor a new Baptist mission in nearby Eau Claire, where the Lees are to move.

"Considering what's happened here, the sky's the limit over there," Lee says, because Eau Claire has six times the population. He'll share preaching duties in Eau Claire and Menomonie with a bi-vocational insurance-man-pastor.

Sunday services frequently attract many of the Lees' new friends from the

nearby University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. Last year the Lees directed their longstanding student work skills to start a Baptist Student Union on the Stout campus, home of 7,500 students. Saturday night BSU meetings, directed by Jean, have drawn as many as 40 students, half of which often are international.

On a broader front, the Lees have deeply involved themselves in the expansion of student work over the entire Minnesota-Wisconsin area, which encompasses 141 accredited colleges and more than half a million students.

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Fosters Are Safe In Surinam

James and Zelma Foster, Mississippi missionaries serving in Paramaribo, Surinam, are safe, following a pre-dawn coup in that city Feb. 25, according to a spokesman of the Foreign Mission Board.

Local reporters in Paramaribo said that up to 15 persons were killed in the shelling and gunfights, when Army sergeants, "disgruntled over pay and working conditions," seized power in this South American nation.

The rebels issued a communique saying they would abide by the democratic principles of this former Dutch colony.

Four To Teach Camp Skills In Barbados

Four men from Mississippi plan to spend a week at Barbados Baptist College on Barbados, April 7-14, teaching pastors and other church leaders of the Caribbean area how to use camping as a means of reaching boys and girls for

Christ. Also they will hold a model camp to illustrate their lessons.

The four are Rusty Griffin, consultant, state Brotherhood department; Paul Harper, minister of music, and youth, First Church, Lexington; Jimmy Smith, director of activities, Alta Woods Church, Jackson; and Doug Day, director of activities, First Church, Starkville.

They plan to point out Scriptures especially good for use with a camp setting, and to show how to use puppets and drama at camp.

Mississippi Royal Ambassadors will pay for the Caribbean pastors and leaders to attend the training session on Barbados, and also will pay the way for boys and girls to attend the model camp.

It will cost \$60 for each of the 15 men to attend the training sessions. The cost of the model camp will be \$12 per person, with 30 participating. If the Royal Ambassadors over the state raise as much as \$1,300, this will also provide needed materials.

Some Royal Ambassadors will be working as chapter, and others as individuals, to contribute to this mission activity.

"Camping has always been an important part of Royal Ambassadors. Many Royal Ambassadors have come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour during a church or state camp," said Griffin. "We have the opportunity to provide the same opportunity for kids in the Caribbean."

Any Royal Ambassador chapter needing more information about this may contact the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.



JUST A 'PORE' MAN — Bailey King has worked hard most of his life, but it's been about all he can do to make enough to provide food for his wife and 13 children. His highest wage — \$2.10 per hour — never bought much more than grits, red beans and biscuits. Now 62 and disabled, life is even more more thankless. (HMB photo by Don Rutledge) Story on Page 5.

First National Deacon Rally Set At Tower Grove Church

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP) — Ten years of progress for deacon ministries in Southern Baptist churches will be marked at the first National Deacon Rally at Tower Grove Baptist Church here on Sunday, June 8, prior to the start of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Charles Treadway, deacon ministry consultant in the pastoral ministries section of the church administration department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct the conference, which is expected to draw 1,500 deacons, pastors and wives.

Treadway said many changes have occurred during the past 10 years, the most significant of which may be the change from deacons serving in churches as administrators to assuming more responsibility for ministering to the spiritual needs of members.

The rally will begin at 3 p.m. on June 8 and conclude at 9:30 that night, with a break for dinner between sessions at the church at 4257 Magnolia in St. Louis.

The rally will feature several speak-

ers known to Southern Baptists because of contributions to the development of deacon ministries.

Howard Foshee, author of "The Ministry of the Deacon," which has sold more than 225,000 copies, will speak during the afternoon session, along with Robert Naylor, author of "The Baptist Deacon," which has sold 250,000 copies. Foshee is the director of the Christian development division at the Sunday School Board and Naylor is the retired president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Lambert Mims, mayor of Mobile, Ala., also will address the rally in the afternoon session, speaking about "Deacons: Bold in Sharing Their Faith." Mims is a deacon in Riverside Baptist Church, Mobile.

"Deacons and Pastors: Partners in Ministry" will be the title of an address in the evening session delivered by A. Morgan Brian Jr., attorney from New Orleans and deacon at First Baptist Church there. Reginald McDonough, secretary of the church administration department at the Sunday School

Board, also will speak during the evening session.

Other topics to be covered at the meeting will include building a caring congregation and deacons' work in the eighties.

Rogers Has Surgery, Is Recovering

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Adrian Rogers, who underwent gall bladder surgery at Baptist Hospital here, Feb. 27, is listed in "good condition," according to a hospital spokesman.

Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, was admitted Feb. 24, after experiencing severe pain. A church spokesman said he is expected to be out of his pulpit for at least three weeks.

WMU Convention

March 17-19, 1980

First Baptist Church, Laurel Jesus Calls Us

CONCERNED

MONDAY EVENING, 7 p.m.

Prelude
Hymns of Praise
Prayer

Mrs. Perry Robinson
R. L. and Beth Sigrest
Ethel McKeithen

Greetings

CONCERNED — Mrs. Earl Kelly

Larry Kennedy
Mrs. Molly B. Newton
Mrs. Vincent Scooper

Business

INTERVIEW — Mrs. James Fancher and Mrs. Fred Thomas

CONCERNED ABOUT YEMEN

Mrs. James M. Young

Music

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CONCERNED ABOUT MISSISSIPPI

Earl Kelly

CONCERNED — Dramatic dialogue between

Simon Peter and John Mark

W. L. Compere and Hugh Tobias

CALLED

TUESDAY MORNING, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Mrs. Robinson

Hymns of Praise

Frank Pickett

Prayer

CALL TO LIBERIA

Mary Frank Kirkpatrick

Hymn

Recognition of parents of Mississippi missionaries Mrs. Charles Tyler

INTERVIEW — Mrs. Fancher and

Mrs. N. F. Davis

CALL TO YEMEN

Dr. James M. Young

Election of officers

Mrs. P. C. Perkins

Hymn

Chairman, Nominating Committee

Offertory Prayer

Marilyn Hopkins

Offering

Special Music

The Sigrests

CALL TO LIFE-CHANGING COMMITMENTS

Mrs. Lee N. Allen

CALL — Dramatic dialogue between

Simon Peter and John Mark

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Conference Explores "A Woman's Place"

By Tim Nicholas
"The woman's place in ministry" said Frank Stagg, "is possibly the most controversial topic as far as the church is concerned."

Stagg and his wife Evelyn were among the speakers for a "Women in the Church" seminar, Feb. 25-26 sponsored by the Mississippi Christian Action Commission. The meeting took place at Jackson's Northminster Baptist Church.

Stagg, senior professor of New Testament studies at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., said the church has made a number of concessions to women, "We let them give their money, and not wear veils," said Stagg.

"Why is it in our attempt to keep woman in her place, the last person we consult is Jesus," asked Stagg. "We let an obscure text in I Corinthians outweigh everything he did or said," he added.

Stagg said that "we have no compelling answer" as to why Jesus did not

choose any women to be his 12 apostles. "But if we are going to use this as a proof text, (for excluding women as ministers) we have to exclude Gentiles," he said.

Sarah Frances Anders, chairperson of the Sociology department at Louisiana College, Pineville, offered statistics on ordained women ministers. She said she believed there are about 54-55 ordained Southern Baptist women, ages 23 to 63, with only a couple in traditional pastoral roles. They are chaplains in almost every kind of institution. "They would consider a denominational change if the doors do not open soon," she said.

"We have been willing to educate them when we have not been willing to put their education to use," said Anders who recalled more women in church staff positions, as bookstore managers, and as Baptist Student Union directors back in the early 1950s, than now.

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Evelyn and Frank Stagg.

Five Fabulous Sundays

First Week's New Enrollment: 451

Temple, Hattiesburg Trip Gives More Than A Taste Of Missions

By Harry L. Lucenay, Pastor
Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg

For one man it was a lady bringing back a laundered garbage bag for reuse. For another man it was a man with no hands seeking money to exist. For another it was a new friend with one eye and no job opportunities. For another it was missionaries deprived of electricity making the best of a poor situation. For another it was the pure poverty of a tiny mountain village. The men of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg got more than a taste of missions during their recent trip to Dominica to build houses on that island.

One man donated caps printed with "Ambassadors for Christ, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi" to the mission team. This simple gift was used of the Lord to open unnumbered doors through which men walked to share Christ. On the planes, in airports, in the city streets, and by mountain paths people stopped the men one by one and asked if they were on a cricket team, golf team, soccer team only to hear they were on the Lord's team. Time after time the mission team shared a living commitment to Christ and encouraged the curious to meet a close friend of the committed.

The men arrived on Dominica and were blessed with a faith producing excursion through the mountain roads in a truck referred to (optimistically) as a taxi. Even the strongest stomachs occasionally considered abandoning the project yet to be begun.

The team arrived in Tete Morne Sunday afternoon and worshipped in a one room mission setting while the music from the bar across the mountain road floated into the room. The excited spirit of a predominantly young female congregation was interesting. With no piano to assist the music the nationals clapped their hands. The men shared testimonies and the mission team pastor preached to a very attentive congregation.

Monday escorted the rains into the mountain community. Three nails went into the work, two thumbs began to change color and the men hurried for shelter from the heavy rains — which are a part of the dry season.

After a few frustrating minutes the men waded through the mud to try again to construct the houses. Yet even as the houses began to take shape four men labored over a broken down generator which was inadequate to meet the rugged demands of the mission field.

Untold hours would go into trying to

get the generator to run, not only to provide power for the power saws but to provide at least a few hours of power for the missionaries' homes.

Most of these efforts went for naught. At the end of the day two houses stood and the wood cutters feared the prospects of another day without that generator.

Working Generator

The second day dawned with men eager to build three 10' x 12' houses. One of our resident missionaries was able to find a working generator and plywood for the entire week was cut to order. Meantime the men hauling materials to the sites discovered the true nature of the mountainous terrain.

Wednesday evening came and the prayer service was a little better attended than Sunday evening's service. Pastor Charles of the Tete Morne church had prepared a message entitled "Behold the Man" which he delivered effectively.

The mission team, exhausted from a day's work and the half mile up hill walk from the campsite to the church, were startled to discover the nationals wanted some of them to present some special music.

Since the nationals sing for about 45 minutes in every service this should have been expected. Soon four brave Mississippi missionaries stood tall to sing "The Old Rugged Cross" accompanied only by the prayers of the concerned friends back home.

After a lengthy invitation two men who had been helping the mission team accepted Christ. Then Pastor Charles invited the pastor of the mission team and one of the men to question the candidates and lead them in the prayer of Christian commitment. The Holy Spirit always provides wisdom at the right time, and the men carefully guided the babes in Christ through the porthole of eternity.

By Thursday many nationals were bringing carrots, tomatoes, cabbage, ginger, and a few eggs to the men as offerings of thanksgiving. The final houses were built that morning.

Thursday night an evangelistic service had been planned. The church was filled. People hung out the win-

dows and stood in the streets. The nationals sang and sang. Four more Mississippi missionaries sang, and one sang a solo. The mission team pastor presented a message from Mt. Carmel and encouraged the people to "Quit hopping in two directions — choose God and follow Him." Four adults made professions of faith after the invitation, and again mission team members questioned and prayed with them.

Friday was test-your-faith day again and down the mountain the men came in the remnants of a taxi. Broke the main spring this trip down the mountain; however, the trip was relatively easy. The men spent a little while in Rosseau shopping but returned to the missionary homes depressed by the poverty.

Saturday the men boarded the friendly taxi and headed for the airport. Sure, it broke down going up a mountain when it "jumped time"; but the men took that time to observe the coffee cherries, a few small bananas, and the roadside — as well as pray the thing would get repaired in time for the men to meet the first flight of the day.

The trip home was not uneventful; because, even though the men were tired, they talked to one curious person after another about Christ and the purpose of the mission trip. Once again the men enjoyed ice water and the conveniences electricity provides. Upon arriving at home the men headed for a hot shower and some rest.

A strong word of thanks is extended to the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for helping arrange this trip. The men of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg offer another word of deep appreciation to the church for making participation in this trip possible.

Atheist Suit Thrown Out

WASHINGTON (BP) — Madalyn Murray O'Hair suffered a new defeat here when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to schedule for oral argument her suit seeking removal from Texas state courts of a charge against her for disrupting a public meeting.

Mrs. O'Hair, who was arrested Nov. 3, 1977, after vocally protesting the opening of the Austin, Texas, city council with an invocation, maintained that her rights as an atheist had been denied by the prosecution.

Mrs. O'Hair's attorney argued that the Texas courts are not competent to handle her case because the Texas State Constitution has language which systematically excludes atheists from participation in any judicial proceeding. Article 1, Section 4 of the state constitution, he went on, expressly excludes atheists from holding public office.

The empty vessel makes the greatest sound. — Shakespeare — Henry V.

Court Restores Membership To Ousted Group 'With Prejudice'

CONWAY, S. C. (BP) — The South Carolina State Supreme Court has reversed the order of a lower court that 16 persons voted out of the membership of Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Conway, S. C., he restored, to full fellowship.

But it was not the clear-cut victory for the principle of separation of church and state which the pastor of the church, B. C. Pigg, and other defendants wanted.

The state's highest court dismissed the case, with the consent of the plaintiffs, who originally had filed suit against the church.

The brief order of dismissal says simply: "It appears to this court that the plaintiffs-respondents have consented to a dismissal of this case with prejudice. Accordingly, upon the motion of the counsel for both sides, it is . . . decreed that the order of the lower court is reversed . . . and this action is dismissed with prejudice."

WMU Convention

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COMMITTED

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 p.m.

Prelude
Hymn of Praise
Prayer

Mrs. Robinson
The Sigrests
Diane Smith

COMMITTED — Mrs. Kelly
COMMITTED TO THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST
Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Harjo

Hymn

INTERVIEW — Mrs. Fancher and
Mrs. Glen Schilling

Music

COMMITTED TO BANGLADESH

COMMITTED — Dramatic dialogue between

Simon Peter and John Mark
Compere and Tobias

TUESDAY EVENING, 7:00 p.m.

All activities will be in the form of a missions fair. By 6:40, all program personnel will be available in the gym of the Family Life Center for photos and greetings. Meanwhile, a missionary puppet theatre will have shows at 7, 7:30, and 8; a missionary film will be shown at 7:10, 7:40, and 8:10, and refreshments will be served throughout. At 8:30 the Sigrests will give a concert.

COMMISSIONED

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
Hymns of Praise
Prayer

Mrs. Robinson
The Sigrests
Mrs. Claude Fortenberry

COMMISSIONED TO FRANCE

COMMISSIONED — Mrs. Kelly
Mrs. Hal Lee, Jr.

Hymn

INTERVIEW — Mrs. Fancher
and Mrs. Donnie Stewart

Music

COMMISSIONED TO CHILE

COMMISSIONED TO THE WORLD

COMMISSIONED — Dramatic Dialogue between
Simon Peter and John Mark
Compere and Tobias

MSU Students Offer Help In Pioneer Student Work

By Beth Cook

BSU Graduate Assistant
Mississippi State University

On January 11-13, Scott White, a senior, and I were privileged to participate in the Minnesota-Wisconsin State Baptist Student Union Winter Retreat. In an area where Baptist Student Union is a pioneer effort, Scott and I were to represent a large and flourishing B.S.U. with supposedly tried-and-true program methods. What we ended up doing was sharing a little bit of our knowledge, and learning a lot.

On January 10 Scott and I flew to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where we were met by students from the BSU there. They are few in number, but warm in heart, and great in enthusiasm. They put us up for the night, and the US-2 BSU director drove us the next morning to Minomnie, Wisconsin where we were to meet Kathleen Evans (the semester missionary in charge of the BSU at the University of Wisconsin at Stout). We drove with Kathleen and two students from Rochester Community College to Camp Forest Springs, where the retreat was to be held.

Scott and I gave our personal testimony, and led separate seminars on male-female relationships; Scott led the guys and I led the girls. These discussion groups were in conjunction with the theme of the entire retreat, "Love Is . . ." I also had the opportunity to share my testimony in song.

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A large part of the success of the trip, I believe, was more in the fellowship with the students than in any particular thing we said. I personally got a more concrete vision of pioneer missions: the struggle to be accepted, first of all as a Christian, and then second as a Baptist, in a part of the United States where neither is a very popular thing to be.

Also, I caught the excitement of God's miracle being worked in the lives of young people, students like myself, finding a personal relationship with Jesus Christ for the first time.

Though from a Southern viewpoint 80 students at a two-state gathering might be considered disappointing, from a pioneer standpoint it is tremendous. There were fourteen Minnesota-Wisconsin colleges and universities represented, three from states outside the area, and two Twin Cities High Schools.

This means that Baptist Student work in the North Central states is growing rapidly, and is very much worthy of support from our campuses in Mississippi.

Scott and I are very thankful that we had the opportunity to share in this experience.

(This trip was in the "Special Projects Other Than Summer — SPOTS — program of the Home Mission Board. It was paid for by the MSU BSU and the state BSU missions fund.)

Eight Baptist Organizations To Sponsor Aging Conference

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — Eight Southern Baptist Convention organizations are joining forces to sponsor the second Conference on Aging to be held April 28-May 2, 1980, at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here.

Trends and needs in church ministries with older persons will be a focus of the four-day conference for pastors, church staff members and lay leaders of senior adults.

Participants also will include representatives from the sponsoring organizations — Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission, Christian Life Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Southern Baptist Association of Ministries with the Aging.

In addition to workshops on aging issues, conference participants will draft recommendations for possible submission to programers of the 1981 White House Conference on Aging and to denominational agencies, according to W. L. Howse III, conference coordinator and director of the Hurl Gerontology Center, Culpeper, Va.

Recommendations to denominational agencies from the first conference in 1974 resulted in the commitment of additional personnel and resources to the field of senior adult ministry, Howse said.

"I would hope that we would call attention to the positive developments in our convention in the field of work with senior adults," said Howse. "We will also be looking to the coming decade for additional progress in our denomination and in the nation."

Conference speakers will include Robert N. Butler, director of the National Institute on Aging, Washington,

D. C., and William Pinson, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Total cost for the conference, including registration, room and meals, is \$115.25, based on double occupancy. An advance registration fee of \$25 should be mailed to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 28, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

Reynolds Joins Ft. Worth Seminary Music Faculty

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — William J. Reynolds will become guest professor of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for the 1980-81 academic term, beginning in May.

Reynolds, 59, was forced last December to take early retirement as secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department. The board, which con-

tinued Reynolds' salary through April 30, 1980, and age 60, cited changing philosophies and administration differences as reasons for his retirement.

At Southwestern, Reynolds, a noted church musician, hymnologist, composer and author, will teach courses in the areas of church music ministry, worship and hymnody.

Reynolds joined the church music department at the board in 1955, serving as music editor, director of editorial services, and supervisor of music publications before assuming leadership of Southern Baptists' program of church music in 1971.

A former minister of music in churches in Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas, Reynolds attended Oklahoma Baptist University and is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College. He also earned a master of sacred music degree from Southwestern Seminary, master of music degree from North Texas State University, and doctor of education degree from George Peabody College for Teachers. He has attended Westminster Choir College.

Reynolds, who has received numerous recognitions for his expertise in



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National HMB Conference 'Scaled Down' By Economy

By Dan Martin
ATLANTA (BP) — Mission U.S. '80s, planned as a national festival on volunteers and volunteerism, has been "scaled down" after economic uncertainties limited advance registration.

The meeting was aimed at bringing past, present and future volunteers to Atlanta, April 24-27, 1980, for a national rally and informational sessions on the "how-to" and "where-to" of missions.

Because of limited advance registration, the major thrust of the meeting has been dropped; but other sectors which were to take part have continued with plans to meet.

While the major meeting will not be held, sessions for directors of religious education, laypersons in evangelism, and the Alabama and Georgia Campers on Mission groups will be held as planned.

Mission Service Corps, a major Southern Baptist Convention plan to recruit and assign volunteers, will not participate in the scaled down meeting, but will instead hold an orientation session for newly assigned volunteers and other interested persons.

"The meeting was aimed primarily at laypersons who would be expected to pay their own travel costs and expenses. Apparently, the economic conditions stopped many people from attending," said William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Tanner cited increasing costs of fuel — predicted to reach \$1.50 per gallon by late Spring — as well as expected increases in other modes of travel and lodging as factors in the limited registration.

He told of receiving a letter from a

pastor who supports the concept of volunteers and volunteerism but suggested holding regional meetings in large churches because of the "exorbitant" costs of traveling to such a meeting in Atlanta.

"We feel sure many Southern Baptists are committed to serving as volunteers — short or long term — but when faced with a choice of spending money to attend a meeting or to do mission work on the field, they chose not to attend the national meeting," Tanner concluded.

One of the sectors planning to participate in Mission U.S. '80s was a meeting of directors of religious education from across the nation. The meeting — "The Gift of Your Life" — will be expanded but moved from the Atlanta Civic Center and Biltmore Hotel to facilities at Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta.

"With the scaling down of Mission U.S. '80s, the program for the educators has been expanded," said Robert E. Bingham, director of the services section at the board and a former education director.

"The religious educators were the largest group to respond to registration for the meeting, and we have been able to expand our meeting with the dropping of the main sessions."

The meeting for laypersons in evangelism, sponsored by the evangelism section at the Home Mission Board, will launch a project aimed at recruiting 1,000 volunteers to work in evangelism during the decade of the 1980s. Several conferences over a three-day period will emphasize the role of the volunteer in all aspects of

evangelism, according to Reid Hardin, director of evangelism support at the board.

The sectors planning to meet — the religious educators and laypersons in evangelism — will hold a joint meeting at Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Friday night, April 25, which will feature the thrust of volunteers and volunteerism.

The third sector, Alabama and Georgia Campers on Mission, will hold their meeting in Stone Mountain Park near Atlanta, but has changed dates to April 25-27.

Mission Service Corps will hold its orientation session in Ignatius House in Atlanta, April 21-25. David Bunch, coordinator of MSC for the Home Mission Board, said persons interested in volunteerism or in MSC are invited to attend. He said advance registration is required.

The scaling down of the meeting has resulted in changing lodging arrangements. Rather than being lodged in downtown hotels, arrangements have been made for housing at Days Inn, Clairmont Road and I-85; the Terrace Garden Inn, 3045 Lenox Road, NE; and Rodeway Inn, 3387 Lenox Road, NE.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30309.

MSC First Volunteers

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Lee chairs the Student Work Committee for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Southern Baptist Fellowship. In that capacity he's helped to recruit contacts for ten new BSU's in the past two years, with twelve more planned before 1983.

"It's a privilege to work with the Lees," says John Nance, student work director for the two-state fellowship. "Their experience with students is deep and longstanding, and that's vital to us, because reaching students is one of the most effective ways of building strong, indigenous Baptist churches in this area."

Lee also serves on the administrative committee, which considers all important policy matters for the two-state fellowship.

Finally, the Lees intend to sponsor another new mission this time in Chippewa County, home of 120,000 people and zero Baptist churches.

"Man, this is where the action is!" enthuses Lee, standing outside River Heights Church and gesturing to the surrounding countryside. "We're on the cutting edge of missions here. The needs are tremendous, and the doors are open. I thank God that Mission Service Corps put us in touch with them."

Clarke, BMC To Host Conferences



Currie Sapp
Myers Wood

NASHVILLE, TN. — The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will sponsor conferences on "Applying the Gospel in the Rural Church Community." A conference will be held at Clarke College on April 17, and repeated at Blue Mountain College on April 18.

Speakers will include Charles E. Myers, pastor of the Alta Woods Church in Jackson, who will speak on "The Biblical Basis of Applying the Gospel"; W. David Sapp of the Commission staff, who will speak on "Preaching and Pastoring in the Rural Community"; John A. Wood of the Commission staff, who will speak on "The Relationship Between Evangelism and Christian Social Action"; and David R. Currie, rancher/preacher from Paint Rock, Texas, who will speak on "The Family Farm in Christian Perspective."

A panel made up of these speakers will also discuss "Practical Ways of Applying the Gospel in the Rural Community."

There is no registration fee for these conferences which begin at 9:45 a.m. and end at 3:45 p.m.



Harry Piland

By Tim Nicholas
Religious education for senior adults, for pre-schoolers, and for youths was a topic of discussion during the annual Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association meeting in Biloxi recently.

The organization heard a number of speakers talk on the problems related to teaching these groups and Harry Piland of the Sunday School Board in Nashville wrapped up the others' statements. "If we understand our ministry, we will never understand it apart from having concern for the individual," said Piland, who related several incidents of Jesus ministering to others.

Piland said Baptist educators will never have this concern, "until we can begin to have some depths of understanding of what He saw in people."

Horace Kerr, also of the Sunday School Board, spoke of ministering to senior adults. (2½ million, or 20 percent of Southern Baptists are age 60 and over.) "Anything you'd like to see happen in your church, senior adults are able to do," said Kerr.

He debunked several myths about senior adults. "We think of senility as inevitable — if they live long enough," he said. He also decried the myth that older people won't accept anything that's new, and that older persons are necessarily more dependent. He cited statistics that indicate that 85 percent of all senior adults take care of their own necessities, about 4 percent are in nursing homes, and 10-12 percent are homebound.

Kerr indicated that there are losses connected with becoming older — loss of vision, hearing, tactile senses. But added that some losses can be ministered to — loss of sense of worth, loss of significant others, loss of health.

"We need to recognize that these are adults . . . who can manage their own

Women's Seminar Series Is Set

The second series of Women's Seminars are set in late March by the Woman's Missionary Union.

Sarah (Mrs. Howard) Taylor of Pascagoula will be featured speaker for the meetings which will take place in Gulfport, Hattiesburg, and Brookhaven.

Each meeting will have the same content and will take place 4:30-8:30 p.m., requiring reservations along with a \$5 fee that includes a light supper.

The Gulfport meeting will be March 24 at First Church; Hattiesburg will be at First Church on March 25; and the Brookhaven meeting will take place March 27 at First Church there.

Reservations and fees must be received by Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, one week before the seminar for which the reservation is requested.

The first seminars were held in February at Meridian and Clinton.

RA Congress Set April 4-5

The 1980 Royal Ambassador Congress will be April 4-5 at the Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton.

Designed for boys in grades 1-12 and their Royal Ambassador counselors, the congress will feature John Bewley, magician, ventriloquist and juggler, Jeff Powell, musician, studying at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., and Missionaries Jerry White and Jimmy Barrentine. White serves in Korea as a school teacher; Barrentine is an evangelist in Paraguay.

Total cost will be \$12, which includes housing, meals, and insurance.

Mail deposit (\$2 per person) and registration cards (which have been sent to churches) to: Royal Ambassador Congress, Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Conference

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Harry Hollis of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission talked of a theology for men and women. "We must be open to God's shaping of the future. Work that is coming (for the church) and changes that are coming will require the work of all individual Christians — male and female," he said. "Responsibilities will be so great we will just have to take every thrust upon us. That means everybody," he added.

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Be Choosy: Pick God-Called Teachers

affairs," said Kerr. And he added that the church needs to "recognize its responsibility for serving older as well as younger persons."

Morie Hale, of the Sunday School Board who edits Pre-School Guide A, said that younger children are easy to ignore. "They don't complain, don't give much money . . . and aren't really prime candidates for baptism," she said.

But she indicated that the first three years of a child's life is the time when foundations are laid for all future behavior. This brought her to the importance of the ministry of the bed baby department in Sunday School.

Miss Hale said that it is hard to get people to keep the bed babies. "We find somebody who will and we keep them there forever," she said. These people need an opportunity to grow spiritually, she said.

"Be choosy," said Miss Hale of the selecting of teachers ("call them teachers, not workers"). "Pick those teachers that are called of God. The smallest church has enough teachers."

Chris Elkins, formerly a special interfaith witness consultant with the Home Mission Board, related his experiences as a former member of the Unification Church (Moonies). He said that 70 percent of all Moonies have been on the rolls of denominational churches.

"This couldn't happen to kids who went through our religious education program," Elkins quoted Southern Baptists as saying. He noted that most who join cults have indeed been on Sunday School rolls.

Elkins, who spent several years as a Moonie before renouncing that faith and returning to mainstream Christianity, recalled a Sunday School teacher he'd had as a youth. "I never saw he really cared enough to prepare," said Elkins. "Youth often feel like second rate citizens. We insult them by simply trying to entertain them," he added.

Elkins said that a youth being confronted by a cult is like a bank teller learning how to detect counterfeit bills. A strong biblically-based education program is the best defense. "If you know everything there is to know about the real thing, you'll know the counterfeit," he said.

Other speakers included Elmo McLaurin, Margaret McArthur, Martha Nelson, and Wayne Wilson.

1980-81 officers elected were Leon Emery of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, president; Gene Hendrix, ministers of education at First Church, Clinton, president-elect; Bryan Harris, minister of youth, First Church, Columbus, vice president; and Evelyn Redd, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, secretary-treasurer.

VIEWPOINT Single-Mindedness

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

In his traveling sermon, Jesus taught the importance of single-mindedness. He said, "The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, the whole body shall be full of light" (Matt. 6:22 ASV). "No man can serve two masters" (Matt. 6:24). Biblical faith from the beginning demanded worship of God above all else and condemned idolatry in every form. Idolatry substitutes something else for God. Believing in God is the essential "first" in life. This is the source of the single-mindedness which gives believers their commitment and devotion. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom . . ." (Matt. 6:33).

The pure in heart (Matt. 5:8) are those whose hearts know a single commitment. They are "unmixed," "unalloyed." Their hearts are focused on God; hence they shall see God (Matt. 5:8).

Soren Kierkegaard, the great Danish philosopher and theologian, saw this genius of the Christian faith. He saw the secret of a single-minded commitment; life is real only when one is completely committed.

This commitment, or single-mindedness, may be seen as the focus of the eyes or life. When one stands on a railroad or in the middle of the highway and looks into the distance, he sees a narrowing to a point. There is a breadth beside him but a narrowing to a focus in the distance. To make a journey one must have a focus on some point on the distant and unlimited horizon. Persons lost in the desert or in the open sea are lost precisely because they have a horizon in all directions, but have no point on the horizon upon which to focus their eyes and their journey. In one sense, we are drifting with a horizon in all directions. Our Christian faith provides a single focus for the eyes. The challenge to participate in Christian world missions now calls for a focus, a single-mindedness, or commitment.

James Michener in the novel Hawaii tells a moving story of the migration of the original small clan to Hawaii. They traveled across thousands of miles in small sea-going canoes without chart or compass. Michener "imagined" how the young chieftain discovered Polaris, the North Star, after he crossed the equator into northern latitudes. He had learned how all other heavenly bodies appeared to move but he observed that this star appeared to remain fixed. Located at the end of the imaginary line running through the earth's north and south poles, it is "fixed" with reference to the earth and provides a constant and dependable navigational aid in northern latitudes. The novelist was able to narrate this discovery and the dawning awareness of its peculiar importance to a primitive navigator in the vast Pacific. Our Lord Jesus came to show us the nature and presence of God the Creator, Saviour, and Father. He called us to give him the undivided gaze and devotion of our lives and promised us that by so doing we would no longer be lost in a vast sea with only horizons. He gave us a goal to guide our destiny. There is absolutely no other!

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Kathy Bearden, (right) Baptist Student Union director at MBMC, and Cliff Duncan, a student in the Medical Technology program at MBMC, prepare a schedule for students attending the hospital's Career Day on March 11. High school and junior college students will visit the hospital to learn about job opportunities in the medical related fields.

Career Day At Med Center Is March 11

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, will hold its annual Career Day for high school and junior college students on Tuesday, March 11.

Instructors from nursing, respiratory therapy, radiologic technology and medical technology will be available to talk with students about the different health related careers. Tours of these specific departments will also be available for those wishing to visit the different areas.

The Career Day programs will begin at 2 p.m. in the hospital's private dining rooms on the first floor.

For more information, contact Kathy Bearden, Baptist Student Union director, at 968-5144.



Calvary Church, Jackson kicked off its Five Fabulous Sundays in March celebration with a Workers' Appreciation breakfast Sunday. Above are (left to right) Richard Vinson, Calvary director of training; Judd Allen, interim minister of education; Alvin Sanders, Sunday School director; Lewis Nobles; and Joe Tuten. Below are the honorees.



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Editorials

On Dominica . . .

Gentle people make missions worthwhile.

When Paul Harrell and I reached the Island of Antigua following a visit to Dominica to look in on housebuilding there by Mississippi Baptist men, Missionary Gary Harthcock asked if much visible evidence of Hurricane David were left on Dominica. My reply was that it was hard to tell. The island obviously was in such a state of disrepair already that it was difficult to determine what had been caused by the hurricane and what was caused by the ravages of time.

The latter is no less deadly. It simply takes longer to accomplish its final outcome.

Paul and I visited missionaries and missions stations on that trip on Puerto Rico, Barbados, Antigua, and Dominica. This was a new experience for me. The only foreign mission fields I had visited previously had been Jordan and Israel, and in both instances the visits sort of revolved around the visitors. In the Caribbean, life went on as usual. I found an excitement and sense of purpose that was thrilling to me. Paul kept telling Missionary Bill Womack on Barbados that if he would get out the commitment card he could sign me up immediately.

I should like to discuss my feelings about those four areas mentioned, and I should like to start with Dominica.

Where does one start in discussing missions work but with the missionaries? And how can these people be adequately described? For example, there was Nancy Snell. When Paul and I walked into her home to have supper and spend the night, the lady looked completely exhausted. Yet a

little while later I had an opportunity to visit with her while others were laying plans for building houses, and with relaxation came a bright and cheerful person in spite of the fact that she had no electricity to run the washing machine or for cooking except that supplied by a small generator. It was obvious that she had good reason to be exhausted.

Don Snell was the missionary who seemed sort of hard-nosed until he went into action and it was obvious that it took someone with a lot of push to get everything done that he did. He had not particularly wanted to be on Dominica, but his time had run out in Trinidad on account of a four-year visa limit. So he had arrived in time for a hurricane he was not sure he was going to live through or that he would see his family alive again. And his presence was desperately needed on the island.

Fred and Betty Walker are the "veteran" missionaries on Dominica. They have been there four years. Fred keeps on the move. One would have thought that the 10 houses to be built during the week that we were there were the only ones. But about 50 had been built previously by one group or another, and another 30 were yet to be built. Fred just kept going . . . back and forth to the airport . . . back and forth across the island. The pick-up needs brakes . . . get it fixed some way or another and keep going. No parts on the island for brakes . . . call Bill Graves in Puerto Rico and have him give them to a construction crew coming through. It worked. Keep moving. Betty is the organizer. She knows

what is supposed to be going on, why it is supposed to be going on, whether or not it is going on, and why.

What a team those four make, and what a gift of God to the Island of Dominica they have been.

They are not alone, however. Though he is there for only a year, dentist John Ross, along with his wife, Lisa, are bringing physical comfort to hundreds of Dominicans far beyond what would be expected of a dentist.

How does one explain these people? Why are they there? Why don't they pack up and go home? The answer to the last question is simple. The Lord sent them there.

Dominica is a desperately poor island. Since the hurricane it may have become the poorest country in the world. Missionaries living in a poor country can't live like they would in the United States. The possibilities are not there.

These people will stay until the Lord tells them to leave. And they will know when that time comes. They are dedicated and they are determined to be where the Lord wants them when He wants them there. This is the driving force behind the Lord's work wherever it is found.

A Mississippi native, Jonathan Singleton, and his wife soon will join the other missionaries on Dominica. And shortly thereafter he and his wife, La Homa, will have it by themselves; for the Rosses' time will be up and the other two couples will be on furlough. Singleton, a native of Belzoni, is black; and the missionaries on Dominica feel he will be able to have a distinct minis-

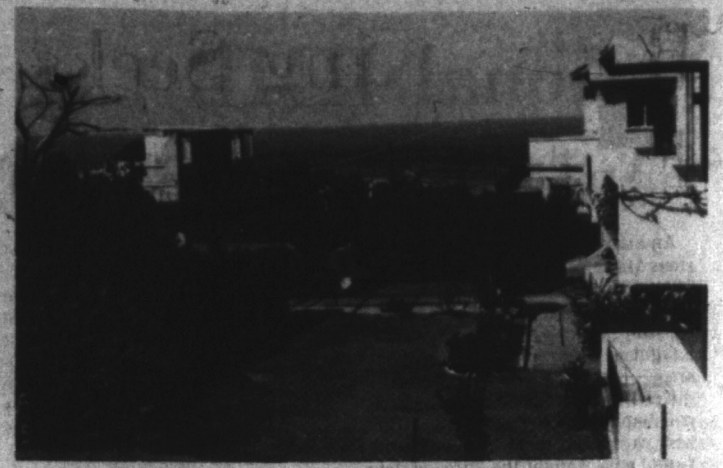
try to that black nation. He now calls Missouri his home, where his wife, who is white, is a native. They are the first black-white couple to be appointed by the Foreign Mission Board.

Visitors to Dominica come away appalled at the poverty. It is hard to imagine without having seen the evidences of it. Few people work because there is nothing to do. It is hard to imagine those who do work getting paid, for no one would have money to pay them.

The roads are atrocious. One night I said to Fred Walker, "If I were on this road at home I would determine I was lost and turn around and go back." He answered, "This is a major highway." Fortunately, most of the cars are small, for the roads are all one lane. Cars travel both ways on them, however. The trick, they say, is to get the front end of your vehicle past the other driver and let him worry about the rear end. The pavement is breaking up on the roads that are paved. "Is this the result of the hurricane?" I asked. "No," was the reply. "They have been this way all along."

It all becomes worthwhile, however, in the expressions of appreciation in the lives of the simple, trusting people in the mountain villages. They are gentle people, and most of them do not know the extent of their impoverishment. They have never been anywhere else.

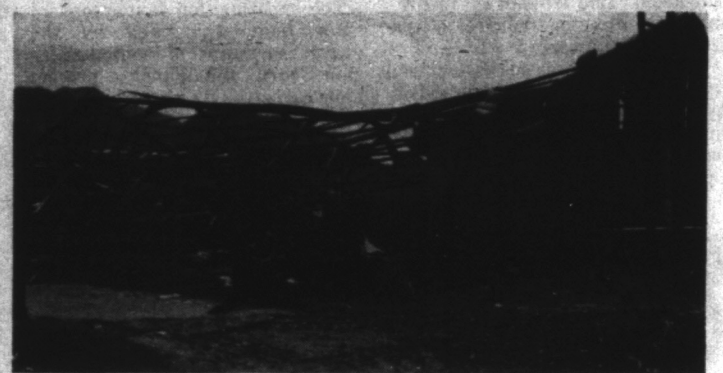
In almost no time faces began to stand apart from the crowd and names began to be attached to faces. Acquaintances were made, and conversations were interesting. It was an unforgettable experience.—DTM



From the veranda across the second floor of missionary Fred Walker's home in Roseau, Dominica, a view of the beautiful, blue water of the Caribbean Sea is broken by the shell of a house left by Hurricane David in August.



Trees stripped bare of their leaves remain throughout Dominica as a result of Hurricane David.



Economic conditions were left in shambles on Dominica when business buildings were destroyed by the hurricane.

Stewardship, Politics . . .

Watch this space

The Baptist Record would like to call to the attention of its readers to two matters of information. First, a new presentation is beginning with this issue which we hope will be meaningful to readers; and we feel that it will be called "Viewpoint," and it will be presented weekly by the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion. As is the case with the Baptist Children's Village, the

Stewardship Department will be paying for this presentation at regular advertising rates. The Children's Village feels that rather than going to the expense of a regular monthly mailout that would have a limited circulation, it is better to reach the entire mailing list of the Baptist Record, which now is in excess of 128,000. All but a few of these subscribers, relatively speaking, are in Mississippi. The Stewardship De-

partment, with its new "Viewpoint," will be seeking to reach this same circulation, the largest in Mississippi. We earnestly request that our readers direct their attention to these two presentations.

The second new item will be next week. The 1980 Legislative Session is well under way. There are many bills

that should be of interest to our readers. Next week we plan to present a comprehensive list of these bills, who introduced them, what committees they have been assigned to, who the members of these committees are, and what areas they represent. We feel this will be an asset in seeking to help the senators and representatives know of the interest and convictions of Mississippi Baptists.

twice in the piece — once in its proper place. That was in a paragraph that read, "Our three-branch government concept was devised to protect us. We must keep it operating."

Sorry . . .

A misplaced correction line in an editorial in the Baptist Record issue of Feb. 21 caused a statement in that editorial to go astray. The editorial

was discussing prayer in public school, and the sentence should have read, "For instance, the declaration in the classroom that human life sprang from fishes would make me upset." In-

stead it read that the declaration "that human life sprang from fishes would must keep it operating." The "must keep it operating" phrase showed up

Letters To The Editor

Reader Moves Overseas

Editor:
At this time I would like to cancel my subscription to THE BAPTIST RECORD. This is because we are soon to be moving overseas. I commend the job you do in keeping Mississippi Baptists up to date in their work for God.
Kay Pippin
Biloxi, MS.

Mississippian in Texas

Editor:
So many of us appreciate and never let you know just how much we do enjoy the greatness of The Baptist Record. I love all about it and want to commend those responsible for its success as a Christian newspaper —

all good news and not as our daily paper, all bad news.

I have a personal friend who is pastor of one of the biggest and strongest churches in Texas, yet we can boast that he is a Mississippian, born and reared at Kosciusko in Attala County in First Baptist Church there. He so kindly sends to me his bulletin each week. He went to Wichita Falls from the First Baptist Church at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He at one time was president of New Mexican Baptist Convention.

I'm sending last weeks bulletin for you to see. I thought if you had extra space for a little "barg" of our "Mississippi's Own" you might want to use

some of it sometime.
Esther Mills
Jackson

He is Morris Chapman, and we've already bragged . . . in the issue of April 13, 1975. We had a four-column spread and two pictures when he was chaplain of the University of New Mexico basketball team.—Editor.

Thanks for Suit

Editor:
I would like to express my gratitude to the Brotherhood of the State of Mississippi. The Brotherhood sent suits to the pastors of churches in the Northern Plains Convention, and I received one. Many of the churches in this conven-

tion are small and struggling, and it gives me a grateful feeling to realize that the members of the stronger conventions are supporting us.

The suit was of fine quality and suitable for this climate; it is a suit that I could not afford to buy from my own resources.

Perhaps many of the people in your State Convention are not aware of this great service rendered to the pastors in Northern Plains Convention.

I cannot speak for others; but this pastor sends a very hearty thank you. May God continue to bless the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Brotherhood in this effort.

Buford Skelton
First Baptist Church
Langdon, ND 58249

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

A New Use For The BR

Orvil and Alma Reid, retired missionaries to Mexico, have been back in Mexico for a year, in evangelistic and lay training work, and will be there until May 25, 1980. They've been traveling in the mountains, the interior, in and around Guadalajara, and on the coast. Orvil recovered from a stroke and is still jogging and walking an average of ten miles a day; and still gives his athletic demonstration. (He's the man, remember, who lets folks break up rocks on his stomach with a sledge hammer.)

Alma wrote me that she took some Baptist Records to Nayarit to read and re-read. And she added, "Guess what else I did with the Baptist Records? I used them for window shades in a village in Nayarit. Orvil and I slept on

cots for a week in a one-room church, no Sunday school rooms — no shades on the windows and your paper served as good reading material and also for shades for the windows!" Their address until May 25 is Apartado 6-115, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

Joe Abrams, former associate editor of the Baptist Record, now retired, who lived for many years in Clinton, has moved with his wife Lillian to Arlington, Texas, where they live near their daughter, Mary Lillian. Their address is 1844 Melissa, Arlington, Tex. 76010. Joe was in the hospital for several weeks during the fall of 1979, and has recently had surgery in Texas, but latest reports said that he is doing fine.

Book Reviews

OUR FAMILY GOT A DIVORCE by Carolyn Phillips (Regal Books, paper, \$3.50, 110 pp.) This is a book for children, ages 7 through 11, whose parents are divorced. It is written from the child's point of view, and is illustrated with black and white drawings by Roger Bradfield. Carolyn Phillips, was married in 1962. After nine years of marriage her husband left and a divorce followed a year later. This book is based on the experiences shared by Carolyn and her two children as they worked their way through the shock and grief to become stronger and better people. Now remarried, the author lives with her family in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Chip, the boy in the book, said, "We didn't like it. It hurt. Sometimes we were scared. Sometimes we were sad. And sometimes we cried. But we

learned that it is all right to have these feelings because Jesus is our very best friend and He loves and understands us. . . . Jesus fills up the angry hurt and scared places with His special love. And we want others to know this too, because no one gets divorced alone!"

It is a book not just for children, but also for parents and teachers and counselors and relatives and pastors — anyone touched by divorce.

SHAPE UP by O. Quentin Hyder (Fleming H. Revell, paper, \$3.95, 158 pp.) Hyder, a psychiatrist, says in this book that many Christians are so preoccupied with spirituality that they neglect their responsibilities to the physical bodies God has given them. He challenges the reader to "shape up" physically, to maintain complete health.

An Open Letter To All Young People:

Dear Young People:

Do you experiment with sex? Do you sometimes go all the way because you are afraid that a young man will not continue to care for you if you do not?

much greater than the so-called pleasure and popularity that you are hoping for.

Many years ago, I felt the same as many of you do. And yes, we did have

hurt to them and I needed that extra time to get up enough nerve to let them know.

I worked as long as I could and made arrangements with a local doctor that did not know me to deliver the baby.

there were many moments of tears and hurt. There were actually times that I prayed the baby would die or be born dead.

The baby was born healthy and adorable and I again decided to keep

can never describe the feelings that I had then as I turned and walked out of that room, knowing that I would never see my baby again. My whole being was torn apart.

Believe me, the few moments of

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Bailey King Seeks Freedom From Poverty's Bondage

An attempt last year by Home Missions Magazine to raise the consciousness of Southern Baptists in the realization that hunger exists in America led Home Missions Editor Walker Knight to Franklin County, Mississippi.

Ken Dean, pastor of Prescott Memorial Baptist Church in Memphis, who had worked on some poverty programs, gave Knight the name of John Ira Hill who lives in Franklin County; and Hill, special programs coordinator for the Agency on Aging, got the magazine in touch with the Bailey King family.

Photographer Don Rutledge spent three weeks with the Kings and writer Phyllis Thompson stayed several days to gather material for a story that appeared in the December, 1979 issue of Home Missions magazine.

The Kings' story is not the story of Mississippi poverty, any more than it is the story of Maryland or Alaska poverty; but their story is one that could "help heighten sensitivity to the fact that these people do exist," says Knight, "and destroy the myth about people in this situation — that people

could get out (of poverty) if they wanted to."

Following the publication of the story in Home Missions it was adapted by Phyllis Thompson for Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, and sent to all Baptist state papers and daily papers across the nation. The Baptist Press version follows.

By Phyllis Thompson

QUENTIN, Miss. (BP) — Until 21 months ago, Bailey King had worked almost every day of his life at everything from farming to logging and shoveling sawdust — all backbreaking, sunup-to-sundown labor.

"I'm 62 years old and I ain't got no more than when I was five," he says. The most he ever made was \$2.10 an hour. The least, 50 cents a day.

He started working when he was five, but he has little to show for it. It has been all he can do to make enough to provide food for his wife and 13 children.

King, a poor but proud Baptist layman, can't work now. Doctors say he will never work again.

Just over a year and a half ago, he was hospitalized for six months. His doctors said it was meningitis and a mild stroke. But King's friends observe, "It weren't that. His body was just plumb wore out."

At 62, King is gaunt-cheeked, stoop-shouldered. He can't raise his arms to comb his hair. He can't reach to pull off his boots.

Although he has not been able to attend services since his illness, King is a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, a 90-member congregation.

All his life, King has tried to work hard enough to pull himself out of the poverty cycle. Despite lack of education, he took menial jobs and never missed a day of work until his illness. But King wants better for his children. His two older daughters married young. His older sons quit high school. Two joined the Army, and now one works for a logging mill and the other for an offshore oil crew. They earn more than their father ever has.

Nine of the King's children still live at home; crowded into the five-room clapboard house at Quentin, Miss., about 70 miles southwest of Jackson and 30 miles east of Natchez.

The house is uninsulated, drafty, damp. The roof leaks badly. The whole house sags. Unpainted walls and floors look the same inside and out.

There's no bathroom, not even an outhouse. The only running water comes from a kitchen faucet connected to a nearby sawmill's cistern. On warm days, the Kings bathe in McCall Creek, half a mile away. Warmth comes from the house's single fireplace.

King's wife, Luvenia, washes clothes every day. Her red hands wring each piece of laundry, because the ancient wringer machine "ain't never worked right." She hangs the clothes outside to dry.

Planning family meals is often depressing for Luvenia. When the money runs out and there's no food in the



Bailey King

house, she stares out the window, worrying about how she will feed her family.

Social Security checks, \$425 a month, have to buy everything. Since that's not enough to live on, the family depends on vegetables King plants every spring in a half-acre garden. He can make anything grow.

"That's the talent I was born with," he says. "Plantin' things and messin' with animals. I always said I coulda managed a little farm right well. Only I ain't never had one to manage."

When King returned from the hospital unable to work, he was determined to continue farming. Every day he had someone carry him to the garden to chop weeds. He would sit propped up, useless legs straight in front, chopping weeds, using his arms and shoulders.

He retaught himself to walk; and soon he was plowing behind Molly and Saturday, the Shetland ponies he bought for \$50.

Last spring, King unexpectedly received \$3,000 disability compensation. He saw the money as a chance to fulfill his lifetime dream. "All I ever wanted in life was a little place o' my own—a little house on it, enough room for a cow, some chickens, a patch o' land to

grow corn on."

He bought five and one-eighth acres. If low cost housing loans come through, he will build a house. But King is frightened. He doesn't understand loan principles or interest rates. He's afraid the \$40 per month loan payments will be too much. "I never borrow a penny in my life I ain't paid back."

The fears grow with each step. He needs house plans, a land survey, fencing. He's even considering going without lights or heat or building the house himself.

He doesn't want a handout to fulfill his dream, but time is running out. The longer he waits, the greater the chances his dream won't be completed.

Yet all his life, King, who puts his faith into practice in his daily life, has given whatever he could to help others less fortunate than himself.

He has always given produce from his garden to people who were hungry. He once gave his wagon to a friend "cause he needed it worse'n I did."

"The Bible don't say one o' us is supposed to have more 'n the other. I believe in Heaven we're all gonna be balanced—no rich and no pore!"

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Revival Dates

Oak Grove (Mississippi Association): March 14-16; H. L. Caraway, evangelist; Services Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m., and 2 and 6 p.m. Russ Stephens, pastor.

Eleneper, Senatobia: youth led revival; March 9-14; Neil Grant, student at Blue Mountain College, preaching; Greg Thomas, also at BMC, music leader; instrumentalists: Alicia Castillo, Brenda Parker, and Helen White; services at usual times on Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. weekdays; Claude Lazenby, pastor; Ricky Hunt, youth pastor.

Brookville: March 9-14; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelism team; Jerry Zgarba, pastor.

Trace Ridge Church, 238 Lake Harbor Drive, Ridgeland: March 16-21; Gary Watkins, pastor of Hillview Heights Church, Bowling Green, Ky, formerly pastor in Mississippi, evangelist; Jim McEachern, music director at Trace Ridge, directing the music; Roderick Conerly, pastor.

Bethel Church, Brandon: youth revival; March 7-8; Jim and Bea Pate, husband and wife team from Riverside Church, Riverside, Ala., leading; services Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Willie E. Johnson, pastor; the public is invited.

Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian: March 23-27; Larry Kennedy, pastor of First Church, Laurel, and author of Down With Anxiety and God's Answer to the Human Dilemma, evangelist; Hubert Greer, of Singsational Evangelistic Association, Inc., Brookhaven, music evangelist; James A. Ruffin, pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

First Church, Yazoo City: March 23-26 (Sunday through Wednesday); regular Sunday services; Mon.-Wed. at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Jim Keith, pastor, First Church, Gulfport, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City, music evangelists; James F. Yates, pastor.

First Church, Vicksburg: April 20-24; Perry Webb, Baton Rouge, La., evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City, guest ministers; for more information, contact John McCall, pastor.

Edna Church, Columbia: March 20-23; Leon Emery, Jackson, guest evangelist; Jasper Collins, pastor; Thursday-Saturday services at 7 p.m.; Sunday: Sunday School 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., Church Training 5 p.m., evening worship 6 p.m.; Emery is director of the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention.



L to R: Bob Terry, Julian Pentecost, Don McGregor.

McGregor Is President-Elect Press Association Names Pentecost As President

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP) — Two Virginia Baptist leaders were named to top offices at annual meetings of the Association of Baptist State Executive Directors and the Southern Baptist Press Association here.

Richard L. Stephenson of the Baptist General Association of Virginia was elected president of the state executive directors group, and Julian L. Pentecost, editor of Virginia's Religious Herald, became president of the press association.

Other officers in the state executive directors group are Joe L. Ingram of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, vice president, and Robert

Wilson of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, secretary-treasurer.

Don McGregor, editor of Mississippi's Baptist Record, was elected president-elect of the press association, and Bob Terry, editor of Missouri's Word and Way, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

During a business session the editors adopted a motion that calls for a study of possible procedures for a nationwide circulation promotion emphasis and adopted a resolution calling on the U.S. Postal Service or the U.S. Congress for relief from postal rates that have climbed by 1,000 per cent in the last 10 years.

Agenda For Eighties Has Baptist Rep

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The President's Commission For A National Agenda for the Eighties has begun its work to identify and examine the most critical public policy challenges of the 1980s, according to a Southern Baptist leader appointed to the commission by President Carter.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, said the 50-person commission will prepare recommendations for the president and Congress by early 1981.

The commission, chaired by William McGill, president of Columbia University, includes persons from a wide spectrum of American life, including at least three from the religious community. They are Valentine, theologian Martin Marty and Edmond Pellegrino, president of Catholic University.

Ten Seminars Teachers Will Preview Doctrine of Missions

Ten seminars over the state are to be held on March 24 and 25 for preparing teachers in the study of the doctrine of missions.

Three age-group study sessions will be held in each place for teachers of adults, youth, and children. The books to be used are: The Biblical Basis of Missions; Youth Affirm: The Doctrine of Missions; and Ways to Tell About Jesus. Churches are asked to bring a team of three, the pastor, youth, and children's leader, to be trained to teach the doctrine of missions books in the churches. The suggested dates of study in the churches are April 21-25, 1980.

The places and seminar leaders for pastors preparing to lead the adult book, The Biblical Basis of Missions,

March 24: Biloxi, First, Brooks West; Hazlehurst, First, David Grant; Newton, Clarke College, Bill Causey; Tupelo, Calvary, Joe McKeever; Greenwood, Immanuel, James Heflin. March 25: Hattiesburg, Carey College, Bill Causey; Vicksburg, Bowman Avenue, David Grant; Columbus, First, Gordon Sansing, Jr.; Kosciusko, First, Tommy Baddley; Coldwater, First, John Armistead.

All sessions will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Church Training, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood departments are promoting this training of a doctrinal study to help Baptists in a better understanding of the biblical basis of missions.

Volunteers Needed!

The following Service Opportunity Requests came from home missionaries and pastors. These are representative of the over 1200 requests. A completed application is necessary in order to give further suggestions for places of service. Application forms can be secured by writing to David T. Bunch, 1350 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

Mission Service Corps volunteers serve one year or longer, work full-time in missions, and provide all of their support.

State	Ministry
New Mexico	Day care program leader for Indian Center, college degree required, after school activities
California	Single Adult ministry leader for local church
Alaska	Missionary helper, visitation, teaching, local church
Illinois	Church Development worker in Chicago to aid young churches in Sunday School, training and outreach
Michigan	Bookkeeper for state convention offices
West Virginia	Church building construction — ability to plan and supervise construction of mission churches
Iowa	Deaf worker to develop local church ministry
New York	Bronx area — day care workers, construction consultants, church visitation
Georgia	House parents for children's home
New Hampshire	Couple to aid with children's activities and home Bible studies in inter-city center
Alaska	House parents and rehabilitation counselor for teenagers
Northern Plains	Church buildings consultant for mission churches
Kansas	Pastor for a new mission
Hawaii	Minister of Education for local church
Nevada	Pre-school day care workers (families related to the casino industry)
Montana	Ranch ministry visitor, VBS, Bible studies
Florida	Mobile Home court ministries — both new church starting and chaplaincy approach
Michigan	Ministry to internationals (seaman)
Kansas	Pastor for a new mission
Georgia	Workers for inner-city community center
Missouri	House and grounds maintenance person technical and administrative skills

Baptist Student Ministries (BSU directors, campus evangelism, student ministries) — crisis needs in the Big Ten, northwest, west, and northeast colleges and universities. A crisis need is in the Los Angeles area.

Sunflower Association Will Hold Basketball Marathon March 8

Sunflower Association is holding a basketball marathon March 8 in the Mississippi Delta Junior College's coliseum in Moorhead beginning at 11 a.m., running through 6 that afternoon. Each church may sponsor junior and senior teams in basketball games.

Included in the tournament, which offers trophies, is time for Christian testimony.

Teams desiring to participate should register with Bobby Connerley, pastor of Moorhead Baptist Church at 246-5424.

Theodore Adams, 81, Dies In Richmond, Va.

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Theodore Floyd Adams, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., former president of the First World Alliance, died Feb. 27 at the age of 81. He suffered an apparent heart attack and stroke Sunday morning, Feb. 24, and never regained consciousness.

Born in Palmyra, N. Y., Adams was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Denison College in 1921, and received his theological degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y., in 1924.

The Adams family arrived in Richmond Feb. 25, 1936, to assume the pastorate of First Baptist Church where the membership was about 1,400. He came from a church in Toledo, Ohio.



Adams

During Adams 32-year-pastorate, from which he retired in 1968, the church grew to some 4,000 members and Adams' role of leadership grew with it.

He was vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, 1947 to 1960. In 1955 at the London meeting of the Baptist World Congress, he was elected to a five-year term as president of the world body.

He soon made a trip to the Soviet Union where he was allowed unusual freedom to preach and serve the Lord's Supper. He served on the BWA's general council from 1934 until his death.

His most recent contribution of service to the Baptist World Alliance was chairing a long range planning committee which framed a plan of action for the BWA through the year 2005. He

would have reported the plan at the 1980 Baptist World Congress in Toronto, July 8-13. The plan includes a special five-year evangelistic thrust, 1995-2000, commemorating the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ.

"Dr. Adams' death is a severe loss to the Baptist world fellowship. Despite his chronological years he was young in spirit and in enthusiasm and was always alert to the concern of the international Baptist family," said Robert Denny, BWA general secretary.

For 10 years after retirement he was visiting professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. Giving up the teaching post in 1978, he became a regional director of development for the seminary.

Adams served on two different occasions as a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and held many positions of leadership in Southern Baptist life.

On the morning he was stricken, Adams had just completed preparation for an address, "What I Have Learned in 60 Years in the Ministry." The lecture was to have been delivered, Feb. 25 to a Virginia Baptist ministers discussion group.

Adams is survived by his wife Esther Jillson Adams, Lakewood Manor Retirement Community, Richmond; a daughter, Mrs. Betsy Ann Adams Thompson of Richmond; two sons, Theodore F. Adams, Jr., Richmond, and John Jillson Adams of McLean, Va.; and a brother, George Adams of Fairfield, Conn.

Funeral services were to be at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Saturday, March 1, at 11 a.m., with burial at Westhampton Memorial Park.



The Mizo Choir.

Choir From India To Sing At McDowell Road Church

The Mizo Choir will present a concert at McDowell Road Church, Jackson, March 7, at 7 p.m., according to an announcement by Johnny E. Speedling, Jr., associate pastor and minister of music.

The Mizo choir is on a three-month tour of the USA and Canada. The 20 singers are from the Indian territory of Mizoram, sandwiched between Bangladesh and Burma. The Mizos, who are 96% Christian today, were warlike headhunters only 85 years ago.

The choir is a living testimony of the results of missionary witness. Not only has Christianity changed the Mizos from a primitive warlike headhunting tribe to one of the most literate in all of India, but from an "unreached people" to one of the most mission-minded churches in the world.

The Mizo church gives one third of its income to missions, and out of its poverty has sent 114 Mizo missionaries into Assam and Kashmir, where western missionaries are not allowed to enter. As subsistence farmers, most Mizos have little cash for missions, but have devised ingenious methods to swell their mission coffers. For exam-

ple, the women take a "handful of rice" out of the daily amount needed for the family and set it aside for missions. A Mizo leader says, "This amount is hardly noticed by the family, but when it is done twice a day by every Christian family for a whole year, the total amount can be enormous."

These young singers, products of an inherently musical society, and sing both indigenous hymns as well as giving a rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus." They have come to share their burden for the millions without Christ in India. Missions is their message; music their medium.

The Mizo Choir is representing the Zoram Evangelical Fellowship which sends missionaries into other parts of India to work with existing ministries. ZEF is assisted by Christian National's Evangelism Commission which is sponsoring the tour. Christian Nationalists assists indigenous ministries in 35 countries.

The international headquarters for CHRISTIAN NATIONALS is located at 1470 N. Fourth Street, San Jose, California, 95112.

"Good News, New England" Translates Into Big News

NORTHBORO, Mass. (BP) — "Good News, New England" should translate into big news for area press, thanks to a Texas public relations specialist.

Ben Turner, a Mission Service Corps volunteer, is taking a year-long break from an Austin environmental engineering firm to work with the Baptist General Association of New England, an alliance of Southern Baptist associations of churches in the region.

"Good News, New England" is a "back to the basics" church extension and church growth campaign in which Southern Baptist churches in the area

will be involved in Sunday school growth efforts, evangelistic crusades, tent revivals, visitation programs, stewardship and leadership training seminars and the planting of 20 new churches.

Turner's role is to translate Southern Baptists to the media and to train pastors to deal with it.

"We need to make ourselves known to the media," he said. "There is a common misconception that we are a cult, a bunch of holy rollers, ignorant farmers from the South or all of the above."

"We've got to combat this image

through the media by getting better coverage of the work we do," he said. "We don't expect miracles, but we want to get to know the press and get them to use our press releases."

Turner also will help pastors get to know the press by producing a brief booklet on how to deal with the media as a method of reaching people.

He plans to develop a comprehensive development campaign for the "Good News, New England" emphasis. He has editorial responsibilities for the association's monthly newspaper, the New England Baptist.

Just For The Record . . .



LIBERTY CHURCH, NETTLETON, has bricked, added onto, and completely re-modeled its pastor's home. The pastor, Tommy Whaley, and his family live in it.

The Brotherhood of Liberty Church, Nettleton, has erected a flag pole for the American and Christian flags. "The community has been blessed through this effort, as well as the church," a spokesman for the church said. Tommy Whaley is the Liberty pastor.

The Santa Isabel Theater in downtown Recife, Brazil, was filled to capacity as Brazilians heard the "good news" of Handel's "The Messiah" performed by the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary choir and the Symphony Orchestra of Recife. Southern Baptist missionary J. Frederick Spann directed the choir and orchestra. Missions leader, neyman Claudia Tenney of Columbia, Miss., is a member of the choir, which has been invited to sing at the 1980 Baptist World Alliance Congress in Toronto, Canada, during July.



MARVIN BIBB, Calhoun County director of construction, left, and FRED LAWRENCE, pastor of BIG CREEK CHURCH, (Calhoun) study blueprints of new facilities which will include a fellowship hall and added education space. Construction has already begun.

Vanilla Church had a dinner Feb. 23 to honor its senior citizens. The "Beasley Bunch" and Ralph Cranford sang and played old-fashioned music.

On Sunday, Feb. 24, Gladys Tyron, Shelby Jean Boutwell, Sandra Lambert, Sally Cody, Ruth Cody, Betty Stanley, Mary Ann Tyron, Charlene Fagan were presented with certificates of appreciation. For one year's service to Vanilla Church, George Tyron, Billy Joe Boutwell, Robert C. Lea, and Alton "MO" Letchworth also were given certificates of appreciation. Odell Boyles is the chairman of deacons and Alton Fagan is pastor.

Energy Crisis Could Offer More Chances For Ministry

By Rex Hammock
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Along with its hardships, a prolonged energy crisis could offer increased opportunities for ministry to Southern Baptists, a denominational planner told representatives of SBC agencies attending a meeting here.

Speaking on the future of travel to church, Orrin Morris, director of research at the convention's Home Mission Board, told members of the SBC Inter-Agency Council that the decade would most likely see an average 15 percent annual increase in gasoline prices.

"Gasoline that now costs 101.9 cents per gallon will cost 204.9 cents by 1985 and 411.9 cents by 1990," Morris said. "This will slow down people's travel but not as drastically as many persons claim."

Church Training Weeks Focus On Personal Growth

NASHVILLE — Equipping for personal growth will be the theme of this year's church training leadership conferences at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, July 5-11, and Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, July 26-Aug. 1.

Both conferences will feature seminars on the new personal growth emphasis in all adult and youth periodicals beginning in October 1980, and daily seminars for church general officers and adult and youth workers.

Other special training conferences will provide information on the five equipping centers released in April 1980, training for intergenerational groups and a vocational preschool and children's workers seminar.

Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr., pastor of West Memorial Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will be the preacher at Ridgecrest, and C. B. Hogue, director of the evangelism section, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will be the preacher at Glorieta.

John Shillington, former minister of music at Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and presently in fulltime evangelism, will lead the music at Ridgecrest, and Sheldon H. Russell, minister of music at Foxworthy Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif., will be at Glorieta.

Teaching the doctrinal study at Ridgecrest will be Wendell Belew, director of the missions ministry division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and A. L. Gillespie, retired missionary, will be the teacher at Glorieta. The doctrinal subject is the biblical

basis of missions. There will be special sessions for youth, children and preschoolers attending the conferences.

TRANQUILIZER UNDER STRESS — Valium, the ubiquitous tranquilizer that has been on the market for 17 years, remains the world's largest selling prescription drug; in the U.S., which accounts for some 40% of Roche's \$1.4 billion pharmaceutical sales, doctors write 44 million prescriptions for it each year.

In West Germany, charges are pending that the company has used its dominance in mind drugs to hold the price of Valium excessively high; while a package of 20 10-mg pills sells for \$5.22 in West Germany, the cost is 30% lower in Britain, where a similar antimonopoly case was brought against Roche in 1973.

In the U.S. where Valium prices are often even higher than in West Germany, concern is growing about the broad use of such tranquilizers; the issue was most recently spotlighted by Presidential hopeful Edward Kennedy's Senate health subcommittee. At the Senate hearings, experts said that Valium and other so-called minor tranquilizers may produce bad side effects. They may cause confusion and temporary memory loss, especially among people over 60. Habitual users risk what Kennedy called a "nightmare of dependence," or outright addiction." — (TIME, January 7, 1980)

Supreme Court Makes Church- Related Rulings

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court, in two church-related rulings decided here that towns cannot forbid door-to-door solicitation and that parochial schools can be reimbursed by states for administering state-required pupils tests and monitoring school attendance.

By a solid 5-1 majority the court struck down a local ordinance passed in 1974 by the Village of Schaumburg, Ill., requiring charitable groups to obtain permits to solicit and to prove to town officials that 75 percent of the money raised went directly to charity.

A split 5-4 decision dealt with a New York law and held that no significant danger of "excessive entanglement" of the state with church schools exists under the reimbursement scheme.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering And Week Of Prayer For Home Missions

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Pastoral Care of the Ill

March 20 Seminar Will Present John Claypool, Richard Nowell

The 20th annual Pastoral Care of the Ill seminar will be held Thursday, March 20, at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center Gilfof Auditorium.

John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, will present three lectures dealing with the seminar's theme "Creative Living: Ministry to the Terminally Ill and Dying."

Richard Nowell, who specializes in internal medicine, will speak on "The Terminal Event — Patient, Clergy, Medical Staff."

The seminar, which is sponsored by the Christian Action Commission and Baptist Medical Center, will be held from 9:55 a.m. until 3 p.m. Pastors and laypersons of all denominations are welcome to attend. Those attending the seminar may park in the reserved parking lot on Carlisle Street across from the south side of the old Baptist Hospital.

For further information about the seminar, contact Chaplain Gordon Shamburger, MBMC director of pastoral care, at 968-5146.

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Chaplain Gordon Shamburger, director of pastoral care at MBMC (left) and Chaplain Derral Foreman discuss topics to be presented at the 20th annual "Pastoral Care of the Ill" seminar to be held Thursday, March 20.

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Names In The News . . .

Bay Vista, Gulf Coast, ordained Roy Clark as deacon on Feb. 13.

Sharon Church, Gulf Coast, has ordained Ronald Rose as a deacon.

Herman Rios, Home Mission Board, SBC, led a conference on personal evangelism during a retreat at Primera Iglesia, the Spanish congregation in Biloxi. Elin Camacho is the pastor.



RAY HILL (right), pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Columbus, and HARRELL WILCOX, minister of music at Mt. Zion, were featured at Clarke College during Spiritual Emphasis Week. J. B. COSTLOW (seated) is director of religious activities at Clarke.

Roger E. Orman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Orman of West Point, Miss., was ordained to the gospel ministry Feb. 4, at First Baptist Church, Saginaw, Tex. Orman served as associate minister of youth at Saginaw while attending Southwestern Seminary. He received the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern in May, 1979.



He is also a graduate of Mississippi State University. Presently he and Mrs. Orman, the former Patti Cox of West Point, are living in Marion, Ala. where he is instructor in speech, drama, and religion at Judson College.

Rose Marlowe, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary, to China and Japan, died Feb. 18 in a Louisville, Ky., rest home. She was 89.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21 at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.

Appointed to China in 1921, Miss Marlowe taught English, Bible and art at Shung Tak Baptist Girls' School in Shanghai.

In 1943, while Shanghai was under Japanese occupation, Miss Marlowe spent eight months in an internment camp and another month on a prison ship before she was repatriated to the United States. After the communists took over China, she transferred to Japan where she taught at Seinan Jo Gakuin, a Baptist girls' school; until her retirement in 1956.



Claude Haney, center, was installed as deacon at Pleasant Hill (Clarke County) Feb. 3. The service was under direction of Wilbur Hall, right, with Mo Robinson, left, chairman of deacons, leading the dedication service. Haney and wife, Jo Lynn, are the parents of three children, Beverly, Kimberley, and Allison. His entire family is active in all aspects of the church work.



TWO MISSISSIPPI NATIVES, and New Orleans Seminary graduates, are serving at Port Sulphur Baptist Church in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Pictured on the back row are RICK FORBUS (Greenville), Delta State University graduate, and DAVE ODOM (Jackson), Mississippi College graduate. Rick is minister of music and youth and Dave is the pastor.

For the first time in the history of the Baptist church in Port Sulphur, a special license and ordination service was held for four men to enter the Gospel Ministry. Left to right are: DWAYNE MYERS (licensed), STEVE CHAPMAN (licensed), STEVE BERGER (ordained) and JOHN COOPER (ordained). Dwayne Myers will attend Mississippi College in January; Steve Chapman, Steve Berger, and John Cooper attend New Orleans Seminary. All of these men are a part of the ministry of the Port Sulphur Baptist Church.



Carey Chorale Will Tour Florida

The William Carey College Chorale will begin its annual spring tour on Friday, March 7. The 40-member choir will perform in churches throughout Florida during the week-end tour.

On March 18, the Chorale will present its tour program for local audiences in Thomas Hall Auditorium.

During each performance, the Chorale will lead a worship service that will include two major works and a number of shorter selections.

The Carpenter's Wood, a folk group from the Chorale, will also be performing at the churches visited.

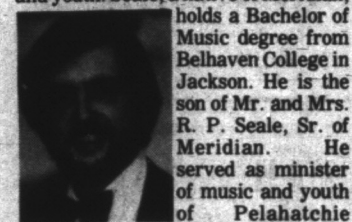
The Chorale is under direction of Donald Winters, senior professor of music.

Staff Changes

Handshore Church, Gulf Coast, has called George Harrison of New Orleans Seminary as interim pastor.

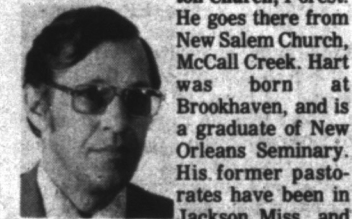
Roy Parkinson has resigned as pastor of Shoreline Park, Gulf Coast, but will continue preaching there until the Pastor Search Committee finds another.

Friendship Church, Aberdeen, has called Cliff Seale as minister of music and youth. Seale, a native of Meridian, holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Belhaven College in Jackson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Seale, Sr. of Meridian. He served as minister of music and youth of Pelahatchie Church for two and one-half years. Harold Anderson is the Friendship pastor.



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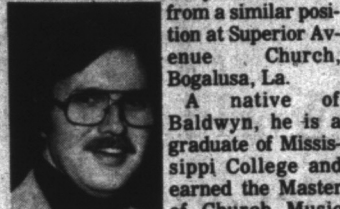
Clay Hart is the new pastor of Clifton Church, Forest. He goes there from New Salem Church, McCall Creek. Hart was born at Brookhaven, and is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. His former pastorate have been in Jackson, Miss., and Vernon, Ala.



Hart

First, Wiggins has called David Raddin as associate pastor and activities director.

Mickey Gentry has joined the staff of First Church, Phila., in the position of minister of music and youth. He came from a similar position at Superior Avenue Church, Bogalusa, La.



Gentry

Benny Taylor has resigned as pastor of the Union Church, Panola County, to move to Tennessee.

Shady Grove Church, Panola County, has called Aubrey Moore as pastor.

Moshi, Tanzania — While Southern Baptists are pursuing Bold Mission Thrust goals, Tanzanian Baptists are planning a national Bega Kwa Bega or "Shoulder to Shoulder" project to reach their nation for Christ. Through Bega Kwa Bega, they hope to approximately double the number of Baptists in Tanzania to 50,000 by 1986 and to double the number again by A. D. 2000. They also hope to begin new groups of churches in 20 previously unreached towns within five years and by 2000 to end subsidy of churches and associations, and send their first foreign missionaries. Southern Baptist missionary Donald L. Smith and Tanzanian Baptist pastor Daniel Mahimbo are heading up the project.

Staffer Linda Lawson Named News Supervisor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Linda Lawson, program interpretation specialist in the Baptist Sunday School Board's office of communications, has been named supervisor of the news and information section in the same office.

In this post, Ms. Lawson, 34, will direct the board's news operation working with denominational and secular media, according to Lloyd Householder, director of the office of communications and chief of the Baptist Press bureau at the Sunday School Board.

Before coming to the office of communications, she was single adult work specialist and then editor of youth materials, including Event magazine, in the board's Sunday School department.

A native of Missouri, she formerly taught English in Kearney, Mo., and was a teaching assistant at the University of Missouri.

Mt. Gilead Visits National WMU

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The pastor and 13 members of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mount Gilead Church in Meridian toured the national office building of Woman's Missionary Union Feb. 21 in Birmingham, Ala.

Charles Davis, pastor of Mount Gilead church, said that the WMU of

his congregation wanted to view first-hand the operations of the national office of WMU. WMU is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Mount Gilead WMU tour group included members of Baptist Women and leaders of Acteens and Girls in Action.

THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM
Baptist Children's Village
P. O. Box 11308 Jackson, MS 39213

Dress A Child At Easter:

The Easter season approaches, and with it, The Village's annual emphasis upon the clothing and shoe needs of the many boys and girls and young people who are our custodial responsibility each year. "Dress A Child At Easter", an appeal directed to individuals for designated, cash gifts, was originated about 20 years ago and has developed to be very popular with friends of The Village, growing until we now depend upon the proceeds of the campaign very heavily for the basic clothing and shoe needs of our children living at every Village facility.

In its origin, the emphasis was intended to supply a new spring "outfit", suitable for church attire, to be worn by each Village youngster for the first time on Easter Sunday. That goal remains the first emphasis of the campaign, but our major objective for a number of years has been broadened to include the more important and helpful purpose of obtaining sufficient funding to underwrite clothing and shoe needs of all Village children and young people for the entire year.

Very shortly, letters especially prepared for these purposes will be released to individuals throughout the state who have manifested an interest in The Village and in our clothing needs, in particular, and shopping for Village children has already commenced in faith-reliance upon the support and generosity of those individuals to whom this appeal is addressed. We estimate that an individual child can be dressed this year for sums ranging from \$65.00 to \$95.00, depending upon the age and size of the child. Our inquiries convince us that a gift of \$65.00 will dress a child up to the age of 10 years; a gift of \$75.00 will dress a child of average size between the ages of 10 and 14 years; a gift of \$85.00 will dress the average young person of high school age; and a gift of \$95.00 will dress a Village young person who attends college. We are grateful to our friends who have helped us make "Dress A Child At Easter" such a happy and helpful occasion for our children, and in this year of exceedingly high costs, we respectfully ask for consideration of another gift toward this very basic and necessary object.



Presenting Our Staff

Mike and Gloria Shelton, Staff members Jackson Campus since October, 1979.

Valentine Banquet, Jackson Campus:

On February 13, all boys and girls on our Jackson Campus of high school age were honored guests of staff and younger children at the traditional "Sweetheart Banquet", which has been a feature of Jackson Campus life for many years. In accord with custom, the gymnasium in Hester Activities Building was transformed into a Banquet Hall, decorated this year to emphasize the theme, "Moonlight and Roses".

The entire occasion was arranged and supervised by Coach Hugh Monk of our Activities staff and the decorations were made by Coach Monk and a committee of Village youngsters. A delicious banquet meal, prepared in Jackson Campus Cottages, was served by younger Village boys and girls to our teen-aged guests, who attended with dates. Miss Cindi Nix of Jackson, a soloist, entertained as the featured attraction of the evening. Miss Nix, the daughter of Mrs. Jan Sellers of Laurel, who was the long-time Director of our Department of Music, lived on the Jackson Campus for much of her childhood and until graduation from high school. Having been a featured performer with "The Villagers" and "The Teen Choir" of our Music Department, Miss Nix is well-known to all of us at The Village. Her talented performance was, therefore, a very special treat for this happy occasion.

The evening was culminated with the selection of a King and Queen — a Village tradition. Elected by Village young people in attendance this year, were King Bobby Thames and Queen Chrys Land.



Millie and Jan assist Mrs. Jo Ann Neal of our Farrow Manor Campus staff in the Supply Room

News From Tate County:

Everyone at The Baptist Children's Village, especially our staff and children in residence on our Farrow Manor Campus join friends at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Independence, as they welcome Rev. Austin Moore from Montgomery, Alabama, and his family, to the Mt. Zion Church field. We have learned that Rev. Moore will be assuming the pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist Church on April 1, and we look forward to his coming. The Church serves as host to Kelly and Reedy Cottages on our Farrow Manor Campus, with the residents of those cottages attending all regular services at Mt. Zion and maintaining membership in all of the auxiliaries of the church. Additionally, Mt. Zion Baptist Church is a substantial supporter of The Baptist Children's Village and includes all residents of our Farrow Manor Campus in all of its youth activities.

On February 14, 19 of the teen-aged youngsters on our Farrow Manor Campus, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. Deane Rodgers, were favored to be guests of New Prospect Baptist Church at Lewisburg for the church's annual, Valentine "Sweetheart Banquet", hosted by Rev. Mike Boyd, the Pastor, and the young people of the church. The decorations and the attire of those in attendance emphasized the theme, "The Nifty Fifties". Rev. Boyd served as Master of Ceremonies and "Dee-Jay" for the evening which was a delightful experience according to our children and staff.

Many years have passed since The Baptist Children's Village has been able to purchase or otherwise acquire outdoor playground equipment for use at any of its locations. Much of our equipment, all of which is now on the

Jackson Campus, is quite old and in very poor condition, having been relocated from the old Jackson Campus many years ago. Mr. T. Deane Rodgers, Assistant Executive Director and Home Life Director on the Farrow Manor Campus reports a special need by the children and young people at that location for outdoor playground equipment. Perhaps, someone, somewhere might have an interest in assisting The Village in acquiring this needed and expensive equipment for the Farrow Manor Campus before the summer months of 1980. Interested persons may contact either Mr. Rodgers at Box 168, Independence, Mississippi, 38638 or Paul N. Nunnery at The Village's Jackson address which is P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, 39213.

On the Sunday afternoon immediately preceding Valentine's Day, the entire population of our Farrow Manor Campus was treated to a Valentine party, hosted on the Campus and in Geedy Cottage by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thacker. We thank these friends for their thoughtfulness and generosity in providing such a delightful diversion for our children during a cold and uncomfortable February.

Recently, a number of Christians from First Baptist Church in Tupelo visited our Farrow Manor Campus as a group. These nice people brought gifts of small appliances to each of our Cottages, and the gifts have already been put to good use. The visitors are the same Village friends who provided funds designated to enable our Farrow Manor Campus children to enjoy an afternoon of skating, as their guests, during the spring holiday provided by the public schools.

Basketball Awards:

Team sports have represented a significant part of the structured fun-therapy in The Village's Department of Activities for many years. We have found that in our environment, lessons for living, including Christian principles and the safety of Christian living in the home, can be communicated to children and young people at play, most effectively. Basketball remains a favorite on our Jackson Campus, where Village teams have long distinguished themselves through the Church-leagues, which abound in the Jackson area. The Children's trophy cases are literally filled with evidences of the quality of their efforts in this popular sport.

Bill Bricker of The Village's Jackson staff, who assists in the Department of Activities by coaching basketball, has

announced winners of individual Village awards for the 1979-80 season as follows:

Most Valuable Players: Joe Hoffer; Kathy Hillhouse.
Best Offensive Players: Billy Crowe; Kay McGraw.
Best Defensive Players: Mike Milner; Annette Harvey.
Most Improved Players: Kenny Bourgeois; Stephanie Shelton.
Sportsmanship: Sean Milner.

In announcing the Awards, Bricker stated that all of the participants had worked hard this year, and deserved commendation, but that those honored had made special contributions which merited special recognition. Winners were selected by the Coach and by members of the teams.

Children, Our Special Trust:

Mrs. Annette Hitt, Christian Education Director at The Baptist Children's Village has fixed the date of Monday, April 28 for the second, annual observance of "Children, Our Special Trust", an emphasis upon the challenge, nature and thrust of Baptist, group, residential child care in Mississippi. According to Mrs. Hitt, Rev. Keith Tonkel, well-known minister, lecturer and radio personality from Jackson will deliver the keynote address. Other program personalities will include discussions by natural parents of children and young people who are or have been Village wards. Every friend of The Village and every friend of children and child care is cordially invited to join us on The Village's Jackson Campus for this interesting and important occasion. The formal program will be presented in Powell Chapel and luncheon will be served at the noon hour by staff and children in residence on the Jackson Campus.

The occasion was instituted in April of 1979. Despite the flood which crippled the Jackson area in April of 1979 and unusual inclement weather on the date of the program, this special day was well-attended, and we have been encouraged to continue the observance. Watch for further announcements, and plan now to be our guest on April 28.

Congratulations:

To Mark Weaver, a 15-year old from our Jackson Campus who recently won the Scholastic Art Award in pottery. This gifted youngster entered a candlestick in state-wide competition and was judged a winner in the pottery division. The competition, which attracted art students from the entire state of Mississippi, was sponsored by McRae's Department Stores. We are proud of Mark!



Aspirited basketball game in progress Hester Activities Building, Jackson campus.

Brazil Floods Devastate

By Ernest and Billie Wilson
CERES, Goias, Brazil (BP) — Like a giant anaconda snake lashing out along its 1,000-mile course, the Tocantins River continues to swell, causing flooding and leaving 200,000 homeless in Brazil's central western state of Goias.

After almost two weeks of rain, the flooding has been called the worst disaster in the state's history — claiming lives, suffocating enormous crops of rice and corn ripe for harvest, drowning cattle, and damaging property.

Although some Baptist property has been damaged, no Baptists have been reported dead or seriously injured since the rains began Feb. 14. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, however, has authorized \$32,500 in hunger relief funds and \$2,500 in disaster relief funds for food, medical supplies and other items in the affected areas. Last year the Foreign Mission Board appropriated more than \$300,000 for flooding which devastated a widespread area in Brazil.

Southern Baptist missionary Ernest Wilson, along with Paulo Roberto Seabra, executive secretary of the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board, and Domingos Mendes da Silva, a Baptist physician in Ceres, flew with medical supplies to F. F. Soren Baptist Orphanage in Itacaja to treat sick children.

The orphanage director managed to wade in and out of the area and used a canoe to bring in food. Other food was flown in later and all children are safe. The orphanage, suffering from thousands of dollars in damage, lost all crops and its fresh water supply. Buildings received extensive damage.

In all, 168 municipalities have high-water damage. Government sources have furnished food, medical supplies and other items. Baptists in the capital city of Goiania have collected food, clothing and other items and sent them to the affected areas.

Open-air kitchens have been set up to try to feed the hungry and homeless. People are living in pastures — many without shelter. Snakes are a constant threat. Babies are being born on tables in thatched roof huts.

The mayor of one city said, "Water is to the rooftops. The only way to identify houses is by their chimneys. My city is destroyed."

(Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, both Tezans, are Southern Baptist missionaries in Ceres, Goias, Brazil.)

Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses. — Confucius

Baptist History Offers Lessons Worth Learning

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Most of us know from high school history that Roger Williams was persecuted in America for his religious beliefs and that he established the Rhode Island colony that was the first to grant true religious freedom.

But how many realize the church he started was Baptist and that Southern Baptists in America can include his church in their heritage?

That fact, along with a host and half of others, is included in "The Baptist Story for Children," one of ten pamphlets in a set called the Baptist Heritage Series released this year by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

Other facts about Southern Baptists that few probably know:

—they got the name "Southern" in 1845 when Baptists in the north and south split over the question of slavery, in part because the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies refused to appoint slaveholders as missionaries;

—that the first Baptist association, now a vital part of Baptist strength, was formed in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1707;

—that the landmark movement of the 1850s potentially could have prevented Baptists from cooperating in convention-wide missions ventures because it treated the church as strictly a local entity;

—or that while Baptists oppose creeds, the earliest Baptist confession of faith in America was drawn up by Thomas Gould of the First Baptist Church of Boston in 1665 to explain the faith and order of the tiny Baptist group to a civil court.

But the series is more than an amalgamation of interesting historical facts. Written by 10 journalists, historians, professors, pastors and denominational executives, the series weaves facts and insights into a collection that coherently and concisely paints Southern Baptist history onto a colorful canvas.

Charles DeWeese, assistant director

of editorial and research services for the Historical Commission, says response to the series has far exceeded expectations and "made us acutely aware that Southern Baptists have a real interest in their heritage."

In just five months, 84 percent of the nearly one million original printing of the series, that sells for one dollar, had been distributed.

The series includes pamphlets entitled: The Baptist Story, the Baptist Story for Children, Baptist Beginnings, Southern Baptist Beginnings, Southern Baptists Nationwide, Baptists Affirm Their Faith, How Southern Baptists Work Together, Baptists and World Missions, Baptists and Religious Liberty, and Crises in Baptist Life. They are available from the Historical Commission, 127 Ninth Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

The question whether the heathen need Christ may be answered by the counter question: do we need him? — A. J. Brown



Liberty Hill Breaks Ground

LIBERTY HILL CHURCH, Route 1, Pope, held ground breaking ceremonies Feb. 3 for the addition of six education rooms. In the past the church has never found it necessary to secure a loan for its building projects. "This building project presents a challenge that can only be met by faith, dedication, and the

continuance of monetary love gifts," stated one of the members, Mayme Lee McMinn. Building Committee members are Genell Anthony, chairperson; Ivra McMinn; R. W. Moore; Elizabeth Lewis; Melvin Ragan; and Jimmy Magee.

Devotional Stress and Strain, or Stamina

By Lannie Wilbourn, Pastor, Pinelake (Rankin)
Matthew 7:24-29

On a Thursday some months ago, I went to my study retreat for the day. My retreat is an old farm with a little house and barn. My usual study place is under the roof of the porch across the front of the little shack of a house. I retreat to that place because of a need for greater quantity and quality of study time.

This particular Thursday I arrived at my retreat before 8:00 a.m. Even though I had literally disappeared from my office and responsibilities, I felt the stress and strain and pressure of being a pastor. I could not "shake off" — this paradoxical companion of modern life — so I decided to walk down into the woods toward the little creek. As I wandered down the old road with the roots of pine and sweetgum trees exposed, I decided to follow a deer trail off to the right. The trail was barely visible except for the bent and broken grass stems.

Wandering down this faint trail, hearing only the sound of birds singing and a power saw humming in the distance, I came to a giant pine tree. Beside this giant evergreen was a small sweetgum, smaller than your wrist. They were so close that the two root systems must have intertwined in the rich bottom land soil which was the floor of the forest. There was a distinct difference between the two — a difference other than the size. The pine towered toward the sky of that Indian summer day. The little sweetgum which rubbed the bark of the huge pine was bowed over to the ground in a perfect half circle arch! The tree was not deformed by nature or a woodsman's axe. It was held in this bowed position by honeysuckle vines!

As I looked at the tree I felt I could identify with it. I felt bowed over by the vines of stress, strain and pressure. You see, being a preacher does not make you immune to the tenacious vines of modern life any more than a sweetgum is immune to honeysuckle vines. Every person who lives in this modern world of ours feels the strain and stress of life.

It was to this dilemma of life that Jesus spoke in Matthew 7. We must make those choices which offer us the ways of living which God has designed for His children. Jesus illustrates this fundamental truth with two houses, two foundations and one storm. There are two options before us and, inevitably, one storm at least. We can withstand the stress and strain and receive the stamina for living if we hear the words of Jesus and act upon them.

World Political Survey Reports Freedom Rising

NEW YORK (EP) — Though fewer than four persons in ten reside in free countries, their number — 1,601.3 million — is the largest yet recorded in a comparative survey of political rights and civil liberties made by Freedom House, a New York-based national organization.

The annual survey initiated in 1973, found that 1979 was a year of "expanding freedom," with 42 percent of the world's population graded as "not free," 37 percent "free," and the remaining 21 percent as "partly free." Of 161 countries surveyed, 51 are free, 55 partly free, and 55 not free, according to Freedom House, a nonprofit group founded in 1940 to "defend and strengthen free institutions at home and abroad."

Some of the findings in the Freedom House report: Four of the worst governments of our time, those of Pol Pot in Cambodia, Idi Amin in Uganda, Macias Nguema in Equatorial Guinea, and Bokassa in the Central Af-

rican Empire, were driven from power.

Nigeria registered the most dramatic gain in freedom, followed closely by Ecuador. Both went from partly free to free. Chile, deemed not free earlier, is now regarded as partly free.

Still listed as not free: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Burma, China, and Saudi Arabia, as well as the Soviet Union and Soviet bloc countries like Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia. Poland is listed as "partly free."

Nashville, Tenn. (EP) — In response to widespread controversy they have generated within the church, a committee of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship has declared that the board will no longer own or possess any explicit sex films. At the same time, the Standing Committee on Family Ministries upheld the board's sponsorship of human sexuality forums for adults.

Bible Book Series

Paul Before Felix And Festus

By J. Roy McComb
Pastor, First, Columbia

You will remember that Paul had been accused and attacked by the Jews. They claimed that he was teaching the people to disregard Moses and had desecrated the Temple. He had been rescued by a Roman soldier. As a result of the meeting with the Sanhedrin and the violence that broke out there, Paul was again taken by the Roman captain. Paul was transferred to Caesarea.

I. PAUL BEFORE FELIX (24:1-27). Chapter 24 deals with three different persons or groups. First, Felix. Second, Paul. Third, Ananias and the elders. These three all represent different perspectives on life and different attitudes toward themselves and each other. Felix is a politician. Paul is a Christian. Ananias and his group are angry religionists. Chapter 24 is a chapter filled with truth, lying, and cunning.

1. Paul's Indictment Before Felix (24:1-9). It is strange that these Jews so concerned about the law of Moses and the desecration of the Temple would bring to Caesarea as their spokesman one named Tertullus. This name is Roman in origin. This means one of two things. Tertullus was a Roman and thus a pagan or he was a Hellenized Jew. In either case it is strange that these orthodox Jews would affiliate themselves with him. This indicates the level to which revengeful people will fall. Revenge causes one to lose sight of principle.

The indictment is actually two-fold. The lawyer attempts to prejudice Felix by making complimentary remarks. This is an old trick, one that is still used in this very day. The second part of the indictment is false accusation against Paul. When you read the indictments in verses 5-9 you will see that actually there is no evidence to substantiate these charges. These are simply malicious false charges. Again one can see what the attitude and the desire for revenge will cause individuals to do.

2. Paul's Personal Defense (24:10-21). Paul begins his defense by denying the charges that he is a trouble maker and has been responsible for

causing riots or desecrating the Temple. Facts known to the Roman captain and others would substantiate Paul's denial and Paul knew it.

The second part of his defense is a guilty plea. He does say, "I am guilty of worshiping the God of our fathers." "I am guilty of following the Way (meaning Jesus Christ)." "I am guilty of believing in the law and the prophets." "I am guilty of believing in the resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked." "I am guilty of attempting to have a clear conscience before God and man."

Paul then reiterates some of the facts surrounding his rescue by the Romans and subsequent accusations by the Jews. He retells the incidences just as they occurred. He concludes by pointing out to Felix what the real issue is. He says that the real issue is the resurrection from the dead which would be an altogether theological issue between Paul and his accusers. You will recall that it was Paul's belief in the resurrection that divided the Sanhedrin and led to the second violent attack on Paul from which he was delivered by the Roman captain.

3. Felix's Decision (24:22-23). Felix was shrewd enough to recognize that the Jews had no real case against Paul. If Felix had rendered a verdict of "guilty" he would have violated Roman justice. If Felix were now to set Paul free he would violate the Sadducean majority in the Sanhedrin. Felix was caught between a rock and a hard place but he handled it very diplomatically by not making any decision, but by deferring the decision. The writer of Acts is clear to let us know that Felix was aware of and acquainted with Christianity. Felix wanted to judge Paul on the basis of Roman law rather than on Jewish religious concepts; therefore, he decided to wait for Lysias, the commander, to arrive in Caesarea.

4. Paul Declares the Gospel (24:24-27). Paul's defense before Felix had impressed him. Several days later along with his wife Drusilla, Felix sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. The message of Paul was three-fold. He spoke about righteousness which is God's ideal for man. He spoke about

self-control which is God's requirement for man. He spoke about judgment to come which is God's assessment of man.

Paul's preaching struck a note of terror in the heart of Felix. Felix sent Paul away. He could not take the pricking of the Holy Spirit in the message of Paul. There seems not to have been a convenient time for Felix ever. Felix did send for Paul and talk with him, but there is no record that the message ever bore fruit in Felix's life. Felix prayed for time to rationalize himself out of the severe conviction that had gripped his soul. Procrastination became the enemy that robbed his soul of its prize of salvation. So is it with many in this very hour.

Finally Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus but did not release Paul because he wanted to maintain the friendship of the Jews.

II. PAUL BEFORE FESTUS (25:1-12). The Jews attempted to take advantage of the newness of Festus. They immediately urged Festus as a favor to have Paul transferred to Jerusalem. They were going to ambush him and kill him. You will remember that they had plotted to kill him on his way from Jerusalem to Caesarea. Festus was not willing to go along with their request.

After several days Festus went to Caesarea. The next day he covered the court and ordered Paul to be brought before him. Again the Jews from Jerusalem brought serious charges against Paul — charges which they could not prove.

Paul made a defense. He argued that he had done no wrong against the law of the Jews. He had done no wrong against the Temple. He had done no wrong against Caesar.

Festus had been urged by the Jews to send Paul to Jerusalem as a favor to them. Festus was on the verge of having this done when he asked Paul if he would be willing to go to Jerusalem and stand trial. Remember Paul is a Roman citizen and cannot be mishandled. Paul turns down such a request. He refuses to go to Jerusalem no doubt because he knows the scheming attitude of the Jews. He appeals to Caesar. Festus after conferring with the council decides to send Paul to Caesar in Rome.

Life and Work Lesson

Maintaining Unity Amid Diversity

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor
First, Holly Springs

I Corinthians 1:10-13; 12:12-17, 25-26
Paul directly addresses the problem of division and dissension in the church at Corinth. This letter is an admonition for unity, but in this admonition Paul often addresses doctrines of great value. He attempts the task of mending the situation which had arisen in the church at Corinth. Paul was writing from Ephesus. It seems that Christian slaves who belonged to the establishment of a lady named Chloe had occasion to visit Corinth and they had come back with the news of dissension and disunity.

I. Recognizing Disruptive Dissension (I Cor. 1:10-13).

The news of dissension was disturbing to Paul. The division or factions seem to have been based upon loyalty to specific leaders. The term used to describe the dissension (schismata) refers to rendings and is used of rents in a garment. The factions had not separated from the church. They were separated within it. They had lost the oneness in Christ which should have existed. While four factions seem to have existed, it is difficult to establish the beliefs of each.

These divisions seemed to revolve around the preachers (1:12-4:21), immorality (5:1-13), going to law before heathen (6:1-11), marriage (7:1-40), meats offered to idols (8-10), conduct of women in the church (11:1-16), the Lord's Supper (11:17-34), spiritual gifts (12-14), and the resurrection (ch. 15). Paul calls his readers brethren. He identifies himself with them in order to help.

Paul uses the word translated "joined together" to point up their need for healing the disunity. This is a medical word which is used of knitted together bones which has been dislocated. He also notes that all should speak the same thing. They are all to be a unit in what they think and say as Christians. If they are rightly taught and equipped they will be together with regard to spiritual understanding and judgment. The writer does not refer to simple harmony and agreement on the surface, but a unity of

right understanding and judgment in the heart.

II. Achieving The Marks Of Oneness (I Corinthians 12:12-13).

Aristotle had used body (soma) of the state as the body politic. Paul is picturing that Christ is the head of the church and the believers compose the body who have varied gifts and functions like the different members of the human body. They are vitally related to each other as the members of the body are.

However, the multiplicity of the members does not destroy the oneness of the body. Christ and the church are combined and constitute a unit which functions as a body. The mystical union of Christ with the church, he in us, and we in him, does not destroy the personalities of either Christ or the believer. We are unified by the Spirit, but we function as individual members.

It is difficult to know whether Paul used the term body in any of the existing ways. Most likely he made creative use of the word. The term "body" is an analogy or metaphor used to describe the church. It stresses the unity of the church.

This unity comes through the Spirit which draws all persons to Christ, positions the believer in Christ, indwells the believers, draws believers into a participation in Christ's body, and equips for ministry. The "body of Christ" analogy also stresses the solidarity between Christ and his followers. This inward unifying work of the Holy Spirit makes possible for all races, nations, and classes to put on the same outward badge of ministry.

III. Acknowledging Diversity In Unity (I Corinthians 12:14-17).

The members of the body have separate functions, yet each one supports the other. Socrates pointed out how absurd it would be if feet and hands should work against one another when God made them to cooperate. Therefore, the unity of the body does not consist in its being one member, but in its unification of many members.

Paul showed that the unity of the body is manifested by diversity. "Unity of the body exists in diversity of its

members. The body finds its wholeness in the acceptance of each part of the body in its function in the body. Not only that, but the failure of any part to fulfill its function affects adversely the functioning of the whole body" (Broadman Bible Commentary, p. 366).

This concept stresses that: (1) Each member of the body is important. (2) No one member of the body is the entire body. (3) The members of the body are mutually dependent upon one another. (4) The members should respect one another. (5) The members should live with one another. Thus the functioning together of diversity produces unity in the body of Christ.

IV. Participating In Caring For One Another (I Corinthians 12:25-26).

The division or schisma had arisen over one believer despising another, or from groups of believers setting themselves against other believers. However, if this principle of compensation were practiced these divisions could be overcome. If the believers cared for one another, they would be supportive, not divisive.

The ultimate purpose of God is to achieve peace and unity between him and believers and between believers themselves. Schisms between believers hinder this purpose. Thus the way to remove the barrier of schisms is to develop a deep spirit of caring for the well being of each other as believers.

The richness of these implications are caught up under the concept of *koinonia* — life in common. The body cares for and shares with all its members. The body of Christ is not divided. It is a unit. Within this unity is diversity. God intended this diversity to enrich the life and fellowship of the church, not promote dissension. Dissension which promotes schisms in the unity of the life and fellowship of the church has no place in the body of Christ.

Geneva, Switzerland (EP) — Member agencies of the World Council of Churches' Christian Conference of Asia (WCC/CCA) relief program for Cambodia have pledged an additional \$3.8 million, raising total relief pledged to more than \$10 million.